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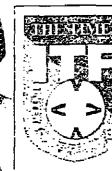


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Princess loses

last senior aide

as her private

secretary quits

By Alan Hamilton and Joanna Bale

THE Princess of Wales Inst the

last of her senior aides yester-day when Patrick Jephson, her

private secretary and head of

her office, resigned. He told

the Princess of his decision

vesterday morning, and by

Mr Jephson, 39, a farmer Royal Stavy officer, had worked for the Princess since

PSS, first as an equerry and

later as an assistant private

secretary. The Princess up-

pointed him her private secre-

tary and head of her office in

1992, at the time her separa-tion from the Prince of Wales

The resignation coincides

with the disclosure of further

tribulation for the Princess.

who has received a demand

from lawyers that she with-

draw remarks she allegedly

made at a private party at

Christmas, concerning Vic-toria Legge-Bourke, the Prince

of Wales's personal assistant. Last night Mr Jephson, who

is married with two young

children, denied suggestions

that his sudden departure was

a result of the Princess's

failure to inform him in ad-

vance that she had recorded a

revealing and controversial

interview for the BBC Partora-

ma programme in November.

"It has been a great honour to

work for the Princesy of Wales.

and I have very much enjoyed

the challenges of the last eight

years. With a growing family,

nowever. I feel that I must now

be free to consider a new

He added that he had

always planned to step down

sometime during 1906. He did

not have another job to walk

into, but he was considering a

Buckingham Palace said

last night that the process of

finding a replacement for Mr

Jephson had begun. The Prin-

number of possibilities.

was announced.

afternevin had gone.

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official household, including

private secretary, press secre-tary and full-time police pro-

rection officer. She retains only

the services of awo junior

secretaries at St James's Pal-

ace, but is expected shortly to

appoint an maside media con-

sultant to handle her pres-

The Palace said that it

would help out the Princess

with day-to-day administra-

tive matters; her programme

of official public engagements

is currently light, but she still

Despute Mr Jephson's pro-testations, and his claim that

his departure had been "per-

feetly anniable, there is no

doubt that an atmosphere of

increasing isolation and strain

accompanied by the sound of

tegal knife-snarpening now

surrounds the Princes, and

her immediate entourage. The

Panarama interview caused deep dismay among her stall.

who were kept in the dark

until the last moment, and it

led to the resignation of Geof-

frey Crawford, her press secre-

tary. Mr Crawford let it be

known that he found his position as her official spokes-

man untenable, and he re-

turned to his principal job as

deputy press secretary to the

But there are now even

stormier waters on the hori-

zon. Mr Jephson has left at the

highly sensitive moment when

legal discussions on the Prince

and Princeso's divorce are

pect of acrimony in the air.

Palace sources suggested last

night that the Princess was

happy for Mr Jephson to leave

at once rather than in the

His last oig tast, was to

shepherd the Princess on a

visit to Argentina in Novem-

difficult

middle of

negotiations.

Queen.

receives a lot of mail.

relations.

'We had to make the right decision in the interests of our child'

Harman 'will not quit over son's school'

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

HARRIET HARMAN fought back against an avalanche of hypocrisy charges last night with an emotional defence of her decision to send her son to a grammar school. She said she was acting in the child's best interests and would not be resigning from the Shadow

Ms Harman's choice of school for her son, Joseph, has torn her party in two in the worst internal row of Tony Blair's leadership. But the Shadow Health Secretary insisted: "I have not discussed my resignation. I am not going to be resigning. I do not think my position is

She told Channel 4 News that she fully supported Labour's opposition to selective schools, but she added: *Our choice that we are having to make here and now makes no difference to our education policy. I support our education policy, but I think most parents in the country will understand that we had to make the right decision for our child and that we would have been less than human if we had done anything else."

Like tens of thousands of other parents whose children were leaving junior school, they had looked at what was in the state system and worked out which would be the right school for their child. "We knew it would be controversial, it was difficult.

We had to make the right decision in the interests of our child. Just as I want excellence in education for my child, we want excellence in education for all children. We have not moved him out of the state system. We are not in favour of selection."

The controversy completely overshadowed Labour's planned assault yesterday on the Government's plans for nursery school vouchers, giving the Tories a huge boost. Few Labour MPs were prepared to back her decision and two Shadow Cabinet members said privately that her position was untenable. Gerry Steinhere resigned as chairman of the backbench Labour education committee and Joan Lestor went close to a public

Mr Blair, however, supported Ms Harman. His aides made plain that he did not regard it a "hanging offence" and thought that colleagues should keep a sense of

Mr Blair made no effort to persuade Ms Harman to change her mind when she told him that Joseph was to go to St Olave's School in Orpington rather than to the local comprehensive in Southwark. Others in the leadership learnt of her decision several weeks

Mr Blair, who himself came under fire for sending his son Euan to the opted-out London

6 Ms Harman feels that, above all else, she is a mother and is determined to do the right thing by her children 9

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Oratory school, was reported to feel strongly that it was no part of his job to tell his colleagues how to live their lives. But nor would there he any change in Labour's educa-

Ms Harman, who is recovering from bronchitis, spent most of vesterday under siege from the press at the London home she shares with her husband Jack Dromey, a transport union official. But she emerged late in the afternoon to go to the Commons to see Mr Blair and other colleagues, before giving her

television interview. That came after a day of agonised soul-searching among Labour MPs. Departing from her overseas development brief, Miss Lestor pointedly issued a press release underlining her support for comprehensive education. saying it was not "a matter of political correctness but of political conviction and principle". She backed the opposition of David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, to selection by academic test or parental interview.

Another front-hencher said that Ms Harman was guilty of premier league hypocrisy.

Ms Harman was, however, reported by friends to be in a feisty" mood as she complained to the Press Complaints Commission alleging that Joseph had been harassed as he set out for school.

In the Commons, Gillian Shephard, claimed that Labour's schools policy was in complete disarray. Nothing now can hide the basic contradiction and deep division at the heart of Labour education policy." the Education Secretary said. "Choice and diversity for some members of the Labour front bench but clearly stated and oft repeated policy intentions to remove that choice and diversity from ev-

Mr Blunkett suggested that Labour was in "total unity" on its policy. "Every parent in every community, whether they are an MP or not, should have the right to exercise a preference for their child to go to the school of their choice." he said. "That preference should not be blocked by any mechanism that prevents a child entering that school. either on the basis of its prior attainment at the age of 11 or on an interview with its parents. That is why we are against selection and will re-

But Mr Steinberg said that he was resigning as a matter of protest and principle. "because I believe the action taken by Harriet Harman is direct contradiction to Labour's policy on comprehensive education and somebody had to make a stand".

main against selection."



Harriet Harman leaves home to see Tony Blair and defend her choice of school

Grammar schools to top 'Oscars'

By DAVID CHARTER

FOUCATION CORRESPONDENT GRAMMAR schools will dominate a list of 30 secondaries singled out for praise for their outstanding performance by Chris Woodhead. the Chief Inspector of

The Times has learnt that more than half of the schools which will receive the accolade next month, known as "Oscars" by school inspectors, Continued on page 2, col 7 are drawn from the small

poodle this would never have

band of selective schools. The findings will boost campaigners for selective education. One in three grammar schools inspected last year was judged by inspectors to be outstanding, compared with about one in 55

comprehensives. Inspectors judged schools on all aspects of their performance and allowed for the different standards of pupils on admission. To be judged outstanding, a school had to be awarded top inspection

It was just an unfortunate

accident. I was angry for a few

moments at first, because I

love my cats, but I've got five

to replace her."

Mrs Turner, who is eight

months' pregnant, had told

the court that she had seen

Lucy holding Fluffy in her

mouth. "The dog was shaking

the cat like a rag doll. I was

frightened and kept thinking of my children. I love dogs, but

it's a natural instinct for a

But Trevor Cooper, for the

defence, said a dog should not

he deemed dangerous just

because it chased or killed a

car, "I concede Lucy frightened

Mrs Turner, but the test in law isn't what Mrs Turner felt. It is

a matter of common know-

ledge that dogs chase cats. You

can't find a dog dangerous for

doing what dogs naturally do.

saying, 'fighting like cat and

"You are aware of the

mather to be concerned."

marks in four main catego ries: examination standards; quality of teaching and learning: social, moral and cultural development; and efficiency. Fifty-three of the 902 sec-

ondary schools inspected in 1994-95 are selective. Only 161 grammars remain among the 4.000 secondary schools in England and Wales.

This is the first time Mr Woodhead has identified the best state schools. Last year he merely named the 52 must Continued on page 2 col 5

Birth of planets still a mystery

First results from Galilee's probe, which plunged to its destruction in Juniter's atmosphere on December 7. showed less water, helium and neon than astronomers had expected.

The data were released yesterday by Nasa, the US space agency, and have left astronomers puzzled over how planets are formed. The lack of water clouds meant that the probe found only about a tenth as much lightning on Jupiter as on Earth ...

Daimler severs Fokker lifeline

Directors of Fokker, the Dutch plane-maker, met to decide whether to seek court protection from creditors after its parent. Daimler-Benz. cut off its cash lifeline.

Closure of the company would be a blow for Short Brothers in Belfast, which builds wings and other parts for the Fokker jets, and for Rolls-Royce, which supplies the Tay engines...... Page 23



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Ashdown's terms for Labour pact

Paddy Ashdown yesterday made electoral reform the price for working together with Labour to secure at least a decade of reforming and modernising government. In his latest overture to-

wards Tony Blair, the Liberal Democrat leader, who was speaking in London, set out plans for a modern Great Reform Bill, including plans for a new voting system to be put to the British people in a referendum.





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Lucy the bull terrier is cleared for doing what a dog's got to do heart, I know she's not victous. sentence for all dogs." Mr Collins said. "If she had been a

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN ENGLISH Bull Terrier which killed a cat was freed yesterday after a magistrate ruled that she was only doing what dogs do.

Three-year-old Lucy had spotted the pregnant cat. Fluffy, in a shrubbery, chased her across a field and into Dawn Turner's back garden. where she picked her up shook her like a rag doll and chewed at her.

Mrs Turner was horrified and, fearing for her four children, called the police. They went on to issue a civil summons on her behalf under the 1871 Dogs Act.

Under the Act, a dog that is dangerous and not kept under proper control may be ordered to he destroyed. But even the owner of the cat was against imposing the death sentence on Lucy, and yesterday Elizabeth Whitmore, the Bexley magistrate, agreed that the

dog was not a danger to the public. She also ordered defence costs against Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner.

Afterwards, Lucy's owners, Lisa O'Brien and Michael Collins were jubilant, but he said the case had been a waste of taxpayers' money. "If Lucy had been found guilty. it would have been a death

come so far. This proves what a ridiculous law the Act is." Winnie Webb, 76, the cat's owner, cried when the verdict was announced. She said later: "I love Lucy. It would have killed me to think she would have been destroyed over this. All dogs chase cats and in my



Lucy's owner, a jubilant Lisa O'Brien, gives her a hug

dog, it's in their nature." ARTS37-39 CHESS & BRIDGE......40

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Blunkett spared unnerving sight as nightmare becomes reality

EVERYONE has nightmares. day, there was no grey dawn. had said: "Read my lips: no We may be filing into the school examination room, relief. Unfortunately, it was knowing nothing of the subject we may be trembling in the stage footlights, ignorant of our lines: or facing a lion. our legs refusing to move. Terrors such as these can grip and shake us until, bolt upright in a cold sweat and screaming "Help!", we see the grey dawn outside and the tangled bedelothes around us, and, with that sweet, creeping sense of relief, realise it was only a dream

For David Blunkett yester-

not a dream.

He really was Labour's chief education spokesman. He really was on his feet at the dispatch box in the Commons chamber. All those jeers came from real Tories. Up in the press gallery (could be hear our pencils scratching?) sat row upon row of real reporters, smirking.

And this really was a debate on education. Yes, the night-mare was true. He. David Blunkett, was the man who selection." He was the man who had written: "I'm having no truck with left-wing, middle class parents who preach one thing, then take their children outside the area."

He was the man at whom Michael Brown (Conservative. Brigg & Cleethorpes) was now screaming. like a demented raccoon: "How does he square that, with what she's doing today?"

"She." of course, was Harriet Harman. Mr Brown, who told MPs he had failed his II plus and been educated at a



was reverting to playground thuggery such as young Euan Blair is unlikely to learn at the Oratory, and master Joe Dromey may miss at St

It seems a pity that MPs seek to airlift their own children out of the worst types of school as these institutions would be excellent prepara-

tion for the House of Commons. If the political classes went to urban jungle schools and the voters went to county grammar schools, it might

Mr Blunkett is blind. He has tried for years to remain consistent in what he says. Undermined last year by Tony Blair. back-stabbed over the weekend by Ms Harman.

work well.

sparrow-like Education Secretary Gillian Shephard in yesterday's debate, jostled by his own backbenchers and snarled and torn at now by the demented raccoon from Cleethorpes, what was he feeling? The rug had been well and truly pulled from under him.

I asked myself (the question is meant seriously) if, being blind and missing one of the senses by which your fellow men seem to communicate with each other, there are moments — whole weeks, even - when you wonder whether you might be the object of some monstrous cosmic conspiracy?

It is a conspiracy in which diverse voices from sources which you alone cannot see taunt you with false friendship, cheating promises and duff information: a panto-mime of deceiving noises in the dark. You await the hour when some kind Prospero halts the play and explains to you where all the voices have

been coming from. In fact, Mr Blunkett put in a plucky and controlled perforand back benches around him scowling, tittering, guffawing

and gesturing neurotically, Only a powerful left hook which Roy Hattersley landed square on the government front bench's chin (it was about Tory indecision on Church schools) offered the Opposition any relief. Watching the Labour Party, seasick and squabbling, falling apart in the chamber after one political reverse. was unnerving.

lt was a sight David Blunkett, at least, was spared,

Clarke's warning over split on currency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pressed home Britain's worries about the impact of European monetary union on the countries that stay out yesterday and lamented that Britain was not yet ready for a "calm and well-informed debate" on

the single currency.

Mr Clarke was on the defensive at a Brussels ministerial meeting after sniping from Conservative Euro sceptics over a letter on EMU which he had written to Lamberto Dini, Italy's caretaker Prime Minister and current President of the European Council. The Chancel-lor's critics faulted him on their regular charge of excessive eagerness to preserve Britain's EMU option.

However the letter merely expanded on the argument made by John Major when he persuaded fellow leaders in Madrid last month to launch a study of the potentially damaging impact of EMU.

There was a danger. Mr Clarke told Signor Dini, that the "ins" - EMU members would become a "club within a club". It was vital to prevent a major political and economic gap opening up between ins and at least some 'outs'," he

In his usual ebullient mood, Mr Clarke told his colleagues it was vital that Britain remained involved in the preparations for monetary union. due in 1909, whether it went ahead on schedule or not.

Tory damage cannot be repaired by single party, says Lib Dem leader

Ashdown offers Blair partnership — but at a price

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PADDY ASHDOWN yesterday made electoral reform the price for working with Labour to secure at least a decade of reforming and modernising government. In his latest overture towards Tony Blair, the Liberal Democrat leader set out plans for a modern Great Reform Bill, including a new voting system to be put to the people in a referendum.

He also outlined a tough policy agenda on education. welfare, health, the environment and Europe to be addressed by the next government. In a new policy departure, he called for the public to be consulted over which health services should be provided free from general taxation and which should be paid for.

Mr Asdown's "bottom line" demand on proportional representation is the one that Mr Blair may find hardest to accept. Although his speech in London did not spell it out, Mr Ashdown's aides are making plain that he would expect a Blair government to cam-paign for a "yes" vote in a referendum on PR. At present. Mr Blair is not convinced of

the need for change. Without an overhaul of the constitution, the other changes the Liberal Democrats wanted

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be completed. Mr Ashdown said. "Replacing Britain's outdated, secretive and confrontational institutions with new dynamic institutions which will become the engine room for change and improvement is now absolutely vital for Britain's success in the next century.

In spite of opposition from within his party, and the distraction of a leaked internal document containing a sharp assessment of its weaknesses, Mr Ashdown was making another cautious step towards a potential post-election deal with Labour. He did so by trying to look

beyond the next election and giving warning that unless opposition politicians now confronted people with the hard choices needed to put Britain right, there was a risk of a "one-parliament failure and the return to power of a virulent right-wing Conservative Party four years later". His message to Labour was

that it could not win two terms and carry out a broad programme of reform without his help. Mr Ashdown pointed to the fate of Bill Clinton's ad-States, which had fast lost popularity. Modern voters

for motor insurance

could not work and would not changed their minds with amazing speed, he said. A "tactical victory" over the

Tory Government was not enough. "What I believe we need is a new kind of politics. [am going to call it partnership politics." He said that repairing the damage of the past 17 years and restoring trust in government was an immense task which could not be completed in a single parliament, 'nor by a single party".

He proposed a new culture in British politics in which parties which are different. distinctive and independent offer separate choices at the ballot box, but are prepared to work together where they agree and they believe it is in the nation's interest to

He insisted that partnership politics did not mean pacts and did not require coalition. "It is as easy and as effective for parties to work together across the floor of the House as it is to form a partnership on the government benches." Mr Ashdown set out his key

policy demands: ☐ Education: priority investment of £2 billion as the start of a "decade of investment", plus pre-school education for all three and four year olds. ☐ Welfare: refashioning of the



Mr Ashdown set proportional representation as the bottom line for Tony Blair

system to encourage people to work in different and flexible ways, and to reward saving and thrift. Liberal Democrats recognise not only the failings but the expense of the system. ☐ Europe: Mr Ashdown said that the division in the "directionless government" was damaging Britain.But

"however much both other parties equivocate on Europe the Liberal Democrats will not waver. I want us to be the rock on which people can depend, the guarantee of Britain's future in Europe.'

☐ Health: the next government should open up the health service further, making

it accountable to the local community. Then the NHS would have to find ways of engaging the public in deciding which services should be provided free and which services on the margins people would have to pay for.

Schools row, page 8

Former MP's son recalls torment by local children

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ency, often in the private

sector. But, according to Mr

Parkyn it was a sort of "badge

of honour" for Labour MPs to

put their children in a local

Mr Parkyn claimed he was

harshly punished for the

slightest misdemeanours be-

cause of who he was. "Justice

had to be seen to be done," he

said. "It is hard to explain the

continued trauma of an MP's

child within the constituency.

Laughed at in the playground.

at me because of stories about

my father in the local press.

Or because the [Labour] Gov-

ernment was unpopular. The

most familiar refrain was: my mum and dad say it's all

Nicholas Parkyn's dad's

rooned on a desert island.

There was food and clothes

but no equable company. It

begins when your parent is

selected as candidate and goes

on years after they have lost

Mr Parkyn, an unemployed

"I liken it to being ma-

The kids would have a go

Hissed at on the hustings.

state school.

the Pilgrim School, I became a THE son of a former Labour MP came to the defence of snob." he said. A far higher proportion of Conservative MPs than Lab-Harriet Harman last night and claimed he still suffered our MPs have their children nightmares about the insults educated outside the constituhe endured at school in his

father's constituency. Nicholas Parkyn, 41, said that as the son of an MP he had been expected to spend ten years of his childhood setting an exemplary standard to do credit to his father. He totally understood why Ms Harman. the Shadow Health Secretary and MP for Peckham, was sending her son to a school outside her local authority catchment area.

For an MP's child, equality is out of the question. The child is marked. You might as well have a green face. The other kids have a handle on you. Being kids, they use it. You become the butt of all the malontent in the school. It's only a handful of kids. But that is all it takes," said Mr Parkyn.

His father Brian was MP for Bedford between 1966-70. and fought the seat in 1964 and October 1974. Nicholas was at Bedford Modern, a direct grant primary school. when his father entered the Commons. "Then I was known as a slob. When I passed my 11-plus, and went to project manager, urged all MPs to educate their children outside the constituency. "It avoids the prospect of them becoming a goldfish in a pool

Mr Parkyn described relations with his father today as "cordial". He had one sister who had learned from his

of this torture. I would not wish the misery of my schooldays on anyone else. Harriet Harman is being crincised because the school she is sending her son to is ten miles away. She is right to be criticised: ten miles is not far enough."

difficult. He was bullied at on the other side of the country. I have absolute sym-

of piranhas.

"I am not the only casualty

His father, who returned to the commercial sector after he lost his seat, also stood by Miss Harman. Mr Parkyn, 72, said: "My son found it very school. I believed that I should live in the constituency. It put a great burden on the family. If I had my time again I would either not live in the constituency or I would send my children to a boarding school pathy for Harriet Harman. The media is even more intrusive now. She is putting her

NEWS IN BRIEF

Proposed Academy of Sport rejected

The Prime Minister's plan for a British Academy of Sport has been rejected by the national governing bodies and elite competitors.

Speaker after speaker at a consultation meeting in London yesterday called for the £100 million lottery funds to be put into regional training centres with a co-ordinating hub instead of a single

academy.

Although all the written responses from the national governing bodies have yet to be completed, Sports Council officials privately agree that the idea of a single green field site for the academy is "dead

in the water". Talent funds, page 5

Church attacks

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Basil Hume have written to the Prime Minister expressing alarm at government plans to cut benefits to asylum seekers. The intervention of the leaders of the Church of England and Roman Catholic Church was disclosed yesterday as MPs called for a taskforce to be created to track down fraudsters who abuse the asylum system. A spokesman for Cardinal Hume said: "Contact at the highest level is

Murder charge

Khalid Mahmood, 38, appeared before magistrates in Birmingham charged with murdering Imtiaz Begum, 35. his estranged wife, outside the city's New Street rail station. Mr Mahmood, of Montpelier, Bristol, was remanded in custody until January 25. Four of the couple's children. have been found dead.

Hostage hopes

The Foreign Office welcomed the release of one of the 14 hostages held by separatist guerrīllas in a jungle in Indonesian New Guinea as a 'positive sign". The handing over of Jacobus Wandiba, an Indonesian, to missionary mediators, has raised hopes that the other captives, including four young Britons, may be freed within days.

Ulster arms plan

John Major was last night expecting to receive proposals on decommissioning terrorist weapons in Northern Ireland prepared by an international commission headed by George Mitchell, the former US senator. It is hoped the report will break the deadlock in the quest for peace. A Commons statement is expected soon, possibly tomorrow.

ITN ballot

Staff at ITN, which supplies news to ITV and Channel 4 have voted by more than two to one in favour of taking industrial action over pay. The National Union of Journalists and Bectu, the technicians union, meet today to discuss what form their action should take.

Grammar school 'Oscars'

their seat."

Continued from page 1 improved schools. A senior official of Ofsted, the inspection agency, said: "In the past we have been far too hung up about hiding achievement and, in some cases, lack of achievement. I cannot see any reason not to do this as long as we also acknowledge the other group which are good and improving."
He added: "We hope this

will give a clear signal to parents, teachers and the public that we do have some very good schools in this country and that they can be identified by inspection. We want to celebrate that success and no doubt for many of them it will be something they use at every opportunity."

The agency is expecting a backlash from those schools

which feel they have just missed out, which is why the final list is still being checked and double-checked.

Next month's report will also identify about 60 improving schools and excellent primary and nursery schools and very effective special schools, naming around about 180 overall. None of the schools chosen for an "Oscar" has yet been informed but one leading contender is Kendrick Girls' School in Reading.

Inspectors said the school was outstanding and had achieved very high standards in all aspects of its work". They added: "The education provided allows pupils to achieve excellence in both their academic performance and their personal development.

Minister 'will not quit'

Continued from page Doug McAvoy, General Sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said that he had every sympathy with Mr Steinberg's decision to step down and warned Labour chiefs that his union would oppose any shift in Mr Blunkett's stated policy on selective schools.

Ann Clwyd, a former member of the Shadow Cabinet. also criticised Ms Harman. "I have every appreciation of Harriet's abilities," she said. "She is a very able and talented person. But I think on this particular issue, she is wrong, she is incorrect, and should not have done it."

Tessa Jowell, the Shadow Minister for Women, came to Ms Harman's aid, however, saying: "As a parent and a

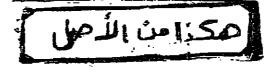
politician, if you have to face a choice between looking your son in the eye and saying that he can't go to the school that he wants to with his friends or face the disapproval of your colleagues the only course of action is to do what is best for your child,"

Others who backed Ms Harman said that Mr Blair could not afford to lose her because it would send the wrong message to the public and she was a valuable mem-

ber of the Shadow Cabinet. Some agreed that her move was inconsistent with the party's position on grammar schools, but said it was the policy rather than Ms

Harman that should go. "The policy is a fudge," one moderniser said. "We cannot

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Britain 'powerless' to act

Education chiefs send textbooks to 13-year-old bride

By BILL FROST AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Foreign Office said yesterday that it was virtually powerless to bring home a 13year-old British girl who has gone through a marriage ceremony with an 18-year-old Turkish waiter she met on

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Unless Sarah Cook's parents lodge a complaint or ask for assistance in bringing her back to Braintree in Essex, neither the Foreign Office nor Essex Social Services can act. The council's education department has sent her textbooks.

The marriage is not legal but Sarah's parents, Jackie and Adrian Cook, have given their approval to the union and attended the religious service. A Turkish Embassy official in London said couples could not normally marry until they were 18. With parental consent, the age limit was 17 for boys and, with a judge's permission, 15 for girls.

Rona lybaya, a professor of Turkish law at the University of Ankara, said: "Under no circumstances can a 13-yearold child have sexual relations without it being deemed statutory rape under Turkish law."
But he said it was unlikely police would act unless a complaint was made by the girl or her parents. The Turk-ish authorities could take action only if it was believed that Musa Komeagae, Sarah's partner, had abducted her.

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Mr Komeagae, 18, proposed to Sarah three days after meeting her during her holiday in Alanya in southern Turkey. She was then 12 years old. When she returned to Britain the couple exchanged love letters and Sarah eventually persuaded her mother to take her back to Turkey. Last October she flew back

again alone and admits this vas the first time the couple had sex. They live with Mr Komeagae's parents in Kahramanmaras.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: The respon-sibility for this minor rests with her parents and we would only act with their consent. We have offered them every assistance. If there was anything wrong under Turkthere would be involved, al- welfare officer and the social speaking terms.

though the jurisdiction would probably rest with Turkey." Mr and Mrs Cook were

services. They got in a tangle

about what was and was not

legal. I gather it went as far as

Mr Snelling, who said yes-terday that Sarah's mar-

riage" had shocked the school, said that she returned home

briefly at Christmas before travelling back to Turkey.

Clearly our view is that a 13-

year-old should be receiving

full-time education until she is

16 or 18. We are very con-cerned that she is not and have

expressed that view to her

very worried - Sarah is so

Asked yesterday to explain

why no earlier attempt had

been made to bring Sarah

back to Britain and prevent

the marriage, Colin Davis, spokesman for Essex County

Council, said there had been

no reason for concern at first.

We understood she was liv-

ing with a family. Sarah went

of her own free will and there

was no evidence that she was

The county's education department has been sending

school textbooks to the girl. "It

is so she can keep up with her schooling," Mr Davis said. The landlord of the public

house used by Sarah's father

has banned him from the premises. "It is disgraceful

and the whole neighbourhood is outraged," Dave Wight-

man, who runs the Tabor

Arms, said. "I don't know

anyone who agrees with it."
On the slightly run-down

and dreary estate where the

Cooks live, neighbours and

passers-by expressed shock

and concern that Sarah had

been allowed to marry a man

whom she had first met while

"Her parents must be abso-

lutely mad," said one woman

whose daughter is also a pupil

at Tabor High.

The marriage has reportedly caused a family leud. Mr

Cook's brother Peter has told

the couple he thinks they are "mad" and that the marriage

The brothers, who work

still only 12.

is "immoral".

ther, are no

at any risk."

"We were never told that her family had put her love life before her education. We are

the Home Office."

being guarded at their home yesterday by representatives of The Sun, which is reported to have paid £20,000 for the family's story. The couple refused to answer questions put to them by other newspaper reporters.

Earlier Mrs Cook, 39, defended her decision to allow the wedding to take place. "I don't care what people think about her marrying, because she is loved and happy," she said.Mr Cook, 42, said: "Musa is a great kid. He clearly adores her and looks after

Mike Leadbetter, director of



Snelling said Home Office had known

social services for Essex, said: "We shall be wanting to talk to the family as soon as possible. We shall ask them if they think this is right and proper for a 13-year-old. Apart from anything else, moving from England to Turkey, which is a different culture, is a big step even for an adult." Social workers were made

aware of Sarah's case last October when she failed to return to school after the half-term holiday. Richard Snelling, her headmaster at Tabor High, said: "We heard she had gone to Turkey to stay with a family, but no more. It is not surprising that we were anxious about the fact that she was not attending

school

Lorry driver fined £2,000 over girl's death

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AN AUSTRIAN lorry driver was fined £2,000 yesterday for three motoring offences after a newspaper delivery girl was knocked from her bicycle and killed. Amy Durling, 15, was hit by a 40-ton lorry last Thursday as she rode past a roundabout near her home in Herne Bay, Kent.

Steven Durling, 41, her father, said after the case: "I don't bear the driver any malice. I now know he didn't mean it. We are glad he admitted it. He didn't stand a chance. What would he the point of bearing a grudge? It won't change anything."

Canterbury Magistrates' Court was told that after the collision Herbert Lagler, 25, stopped his lorry several hundred yards beyond the roundabout

and removed the wreckage of the bicycle before continuing his journey. He was arrested later in the day in Wakefield where he told police that he was unaware that an accident had taken place.

Kevin Maloney, for the prosecution, said the accident happened before sunrise and it was not certain whether Amy was using her cycle lights. "None of the witnesses recall seeing the lights so it is not known one way or another because the lights were completely destroyed," he said. Amy, he said, was observing the

correct procedure as she entered the roundabout and signalled to leave it. While crossing the roundabout at low speed the defendant's vehicle struck the rear wheel of the bicycle. The bicycle and the rider would appear to have fallen to the ground and the lorry drove over the bicycle and Amy." Mr Maloney added: "It is not possible to say whether or not he should have been aware that a collision had taken place, although he should have been, as witnesses who were further away

saw her on the roundabout." Mr Maloney said Herr Lagler had arrived at the port of Ramsgate earlier in the day and was driving in convoy with another forry. Mr Maloney said: When he was arrested, he indicated that he had heard a noise from beneath the vehicle which he thought was a mechanical problem. He spoke to the second driver and they formed the view that the bicycle must have fallen from another vehicle."

Tim Townsend, for the defence, said Herr Lagler had suffered from a

momentary lapse of concentration. He said: "He failed to see the young lady although he was wide awake and well rested. But it was dark, and she was wearing dark clothing. One witness has referred to her as being a

silhouette." He added: "This is not a case of hit and run. The driver was extremely shocked to hear what he was alleged to have done and he has great sorrow for the young lady's family. Words will not

adequately express his regret." Herr Lagler, who sobbed in court. admitted careless driving, failing to stop after an accident and failing to report an accident. He was remanded in custody for 28 days or until the fines are paid.

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Victoria Legge-Bourke, the Prince's assistant, leaves her London home yesterday



Princess's private secretary resigns

Continued from page I ber, only days after her Panorama interview. It was then that rumours started to circu-

late that he might resign. Since then, storm clouds have continued to gather. Lawyers acting on behalf of Miss Legge-Bourke have written to the Princess demanding a retraction of "false allegations" she is said to have made, it was disclosed yesterday.

The Princess is alleged to have made hurtful comments about Miss Legge-Bourke at a staff Christmas party held by herself and the Prince. Miss Legge-Bourke's solicitor, the leading libel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck, is reported to have said: "I have written to Diana's solicitors Mishcon de Reya requesting that these false allegations be privately withdrawn and recognised to be totally untrue."

The comments, made dur- solicitor.

ing the party at the Lanesborough Hotel in Mayfair, London, on December 14. were said to have left Miss Legge-Bourke close to tears. and so shocked that she slumped into a chair and had to be comforted by the Prince's

valet. Six days later Mr Carter-Ruck issued a statement to newspapers about unfounded allegations being circulated that were, he said. a gross reflection" on Miss Legge-Bourke's moral character.

The incident appears to underline a growing tension between the women which began when Miss Legge-Bourke became a personal assistant to the Prince and a virtual nanny to the couple's children Prince William and Prince Harry, Miss Legge-Bourke, 30, refused to comment yesterday, as did Anthony Julius, the Princess's

German spy trio 'kept MI6 cash'

By ROGER BOYES AND MICHAEL EVANS

THREE German spies are under investigation over allegations that they benefited financially from a covert operation to obtain material about the Russian Army which was shared with Britain's Secret Intelligence Service.

SIS, commonly known as M16, is understood to be helping the German authorities with the investigation after clearing up an initial suspicion that the three officers had been trying to sell secrets to Britain.

The three officers of the German BND — the equiva-lent to M16 — worked in an undercover office in Nuremberg, collecting information about the Russian military forces in eastern Germany. MI6 and BND have always

there was understood to be a longstanding arrangement under which material obtained by the German intelligence service about the Russian Army in eastern Germany was shared and jointly financed.

The BND officers are said to have failed to hand over money provided by MI6 for the cost of an intelligence operation which was to be shared between the services. ☐ A court in South Africa ruled yesterday that Paul Grecian, a former M15 agent and director of the arms company Ordtech, should face an extradition hearing. He is wanted in America on charges of illegally selling artillery fuse components to lrag.

Householder in clear after killing

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A BUSINESSMAN is to escape prosecution over the death of an intruder during a

fight at his home. The Crown Prosecution Service announced yesterday that it would not be bringing any charge against the household-er because of insufficient

evidence.

Miklos Baungartner, 54, told police he had been attacked by Robert Ingham when he caught him inside his home at Ockbrook, Derbyshire, last month. Mr Ingham, 22, a joiner with no previous criminal convictions, died after the light, which began inside the house and then soilt on to a patio.

Police officers found Mr ingham, of Normanton, Derbyshire, slumped on the doorstep of Mr Baungartner's home with cuts to his face and a broken neck. A post-mortem

examination found that Mr Ingham died from a neck injury consistent with Mr Baungariner's description of

Mr Baungartner's wife Linda said yesterday that the family was pleased with the decision of the Crown Prosecution Service. "It is a big, big relief," she said.

A spokeswoman for the service said a police file had been submitted to its Derby office last week and Anna Zimand, the Derby Crown prosecutor, decided no action would be taken against Mr Baungartner. "The evidence has been considered and it is insufficient to justify any criminal proceedings against Mr Baungartner." the spokes-

After the incident Mr Baungariner, a businessman who lays tennis courts, broke

down in tears at a press conference. He said that the experience had left him scarred for life. He was treated in hospital for an injured hand and shock following the struggle.

Police investigating the incident, the latest in a number of cases in which homeowners have used force to protect their property, found signs of a forced entry at the house. Mr Baungartner was not arrested but spent three hours being questioned on New Year's Day about the incident. He said later: "I was terrified. I have broken down several times and am shaking like a leaf. I am frightened - my life

The law allows the use of "reasonable force" to defend persons or property or to prevent a crime. But there have been differing views



Baungartner: incident

among judges, politicians and the public about the definition

of "reasonable". Over the years, case law had defined that it may be reasonable to make a pre-emptive strike in self-defence. An inquest into the death of Mr Ingham, a single man, will be held later this year.

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son for murders' AN RUC officer who shot his wife and two children as they notes in which his son alleged-

By A STAFF REPORTER

RUC man 'framed

wife and two children as they lay sleeping blamed the killings on his dead son, a court was told yesterday. Police found John Torney's

wife, Linda, 33, daughter Emma, 10, and son John, 13, in their heds with a single gunshot wound to their heads. Mr Torney's revolver lay beside his son and the RUC man said the teenager had gone "clean mad and killed his mother and sister before turning the gun on himself.

But Belfast Crown Court was told that the 40-year-old officer was infatuated with another woman and unhappy with his marriage.

Torney denies murdering

home in Cookstown in Decem-

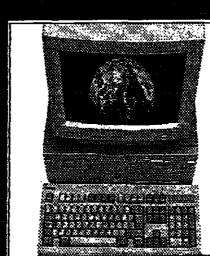
ly apologised for his actions. blaming arguments between his parents and himself and Sooty, which had been given

However, John Creaney. QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Torney had wanted to start a new life with a fellow woman officer.

If Mr Torney were right in what he claimed, Mr Creaney said, then he was "the most sinned against man you can

But if he were the killer as alleged, then the was capable of the most diabolical enterprise, and the most diabolical framing of a child". The trial

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Police hail success of weapons amnesty

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A JUNGLE spear 5ft long, samurai swords, and a bloodstained kitchen knife were among more than 37.500 weapons handed in during an amnesty on knives, police said yesterday.

As forces continued to count up the final tally of weapons, Maria Wallis, Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex and coordinator of the month-long campaign, said the amnesty had been a great success. "The numbers handed in have been beyond our expectations but success should not be measured in numbers alone." The amnesty was announced after the death of Philip Lawrence. the northwest London headmaster stabbed outside his school last month.

Bins were left outside police stations so that weapons could be left anonymously, and by last night 42 out of 44 forces reported they had received 37,578 knives. The knives will he melted down and some could be turned into metal castings for the Jubilee Line on the London Underground.

The jungle spear was found by West Mercia officers, and the bloodstained knife was found in Birmingham. The amnesty had been on a "no questions asked" basis, police

explained. Other weapons seized by police round the country included butterfly knives, lock knives, flick knives, gravity knives, and knuckle-dusters.

Staffordshire had the larg-est number of weapons surrendered with 4.804; the Metropolitan Police had 3,936. The last large-scale amnesty held in Britain was in Scotland in 1993 yielded 4.569 weapons.

The knives are not being routinely forensically examined but Mrs Wallis said this might happen if a force saw a weapon it was particularly concerned about and thought it "fitted the bill" for a serious offence. She said the amnesty had been for possession of a knife, not to commit crime. Knife attacks had continued

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despite the amnesty, but, Mrs Wallis pointed out, the removal from the streets of 30,000 weapons might have prevented assaults, even some murders.

Police are also discussing with the Home Office new legislation to give police the power of arrest for carrying a knife, and to make an offence carrying a jail sentence. Mrs Wallis said police welcomed other initiatives such as shopkeepers asking customers their age and why they wanted to buy a knife.

Mrs Wallis said: "We must start getting the message to young people that it's not macho to carry knives. We are trying to change the knife culture which suggests to young men in particular that they need to carry a blade."

Mrs Wallis said that although many people had knives for legitimate reasons. more and more we have to be looking at people to provide us with their reasons for carrying

In Northumbria, as police examined 600 weapons collected during the amnesty, an officer described how his knifeproof vest had saved him from a 4in folding knife. Sergeant Tony McLeod had felt as if he was being punched during the scuffle at a house in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Last night Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. hailed the amnesty as an "excellent campaign" and reiterated the Government's support for Lady Olga Maitland's Private Member's Bill against knife-carrying. The Bill pro-poses up to two years' jail for people carrying knives without good reason.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, welcomed the Government's legislative plans but suggested other measures including a ban on the sale of knives to those under 16, controls on advertising by mail-order, and bans on military-style knives and



Frances Lawrence, the headmaster's widow, read from I Corinthians while Unity Lawrence, 13, asked for the strength to overcome anger with love in a prayer she wrote

Family leads cathedral tribute to stabbed head

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE I3-YEAR-OLD daughter of Philip Lawrence, the headmaster stabbed to death, led a congregation of 2,000 at Westminster Cathedral yesterday praying "for the courage to stand up for what is true and to protest at what is untrue".

Unity Lawrence stood a few feet in front of the Duchess of Kent, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Jack Straw, his Labour Shadow, at the memorial service for the teacher killed while protecting a pupil outside school last month.

Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, who was joined by five bishops and 29 priests at the altar, said Mr Lawrence's

"principles and values are his legacy to the rest of us".

The tribute to Mr Lawrence was also a celebration of the talents his family had inherited from and shared with the Ampleforth and Cambridge educated teacher, who chose to work in the inner city.
Unity, in grey sweater and skirt,

led the congregation in the bidding prayers she had composed herself. With unfaltering composure she read: "May we find the strength to overcome anger with love, ugliness with beauty, and evil with good." Frances Lawrence, his widow, read

St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. "Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end." Myfanwy Lawrence, 17, perched high and alone in the choir above the altar, filled the cathedral with the melancholy sound of a cello solo, Le Cygne from Saint-Saens' Carnaval des Animaux. Also at the service were Mr and Mrs Lawrence's eldest daughter. Maroushka. 21, and their son Lucien, 8.

In his homily. Cardinal Hume appealed for a return to family values and emphasised that parents were the first and most important influ-

ence on a young person's formation.

We were all shocked by the wanton killing of a man whom we instinctively knew to be not only good at his job, but a man who inspired confidence and affection, a good man," he said.

"If we lament, and rightly so, violence on our streets and much else that is wrong, then let our society look to the quality of family life in the nation, and to the serious commitment which the marriage bond should be."

Afterwards Mr Lawrence's family invited guests, including students from his school, St George's in Maida Vale, northwest London, for tea in the cathedral hall.

Mr Howard expressed his condolences to Mrs Lawrence, who thanked him warmly for a letter he had sent to the family. She introduced Detective Constable Robin Lane, the family's police liaison

officer, to the Home Secretary saying: "He has been the most enormous support to our family." Mr Howard then shook hands with Lucien. The boy said he knew that the Home Secretary had enjoyed reading Beano and Dandy as a child, and he now liked them too. The Home Secretary crouched on his knees and joined in an animated discussion with Lucien about the adventures of Corky the Cat.

Afterwards Mr Howard said: "It was a very moving service. Philip Lawrence and his family have set an example to the whole nation."

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with murdering Mr Lawrence and a boy aged 14 is accused of conspiracy to wound another 14-year-old boy.

Youth knifed in 'fist fight'

A TEENAGER died after being stabbed through the heart by a 15-year-old boy in front of a crowd of 30 onlookers. the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Mark Osbourne, 16, bled to death from a single wound before a punch had been thrown in what was supposed to be a fist fight. David Calvert-Smith, for the prosecution, said there was a confrontation outside an offlicence in Harrow, when Osbourne challenged the boy, who cannot be named, to a fist fight. The pair met two hours

this time, no doubt in anticipation of a free fight to watch, a crowd of 30 people, both male and female, had gathered. It was agreed that no weapons would be used and some form of search took place," Mr Calvert-Smith said. But as Osbourne aimed a punch at his opponent, the 15-year-old leapt forward and stabbed

"Osbourne had a reputation as a strong young man who enjoyed fighting physically. He wasn't someone who car-

him in the chest.

later in a nearby street. "By chances in a fair fight with anyone," said Mr Calvert-Smith. There can be no justification in what is supposed to be a fist fight in drawing a knife and stabbing

> He said after the stabbing "blood immediately spurted from the chest of Osbourne" who slumped to the ground. His attacker fled to nearby Harrow Underground station, leaving a trail of blood along the way. The 15-year-old defendant denies murder on August 8 last year. The trial was adjourned until today.

Legion to combine companies

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Royal British Legion is to merge three companies. including the poppy factory where ex-servicemen make Remembrance Day poppies, because of rising costs.

Colonel Terry English, the legion's controller of welfare, said that the merger of the poppy factory at Richmond, southwest London, with RBL Industries and Disabled Men's Industries (DMI), both based at Aylesford, Kent, would produce significant

But he emphasised that the iobs of ex-Service and disabled people would be safe. "What we are seeking to do is to ensure that our administration matches our funds," he said. "At present these companies employ 340 people but they have three chief executives and three boards. We need to rationalise."

Administrative staff will be offered other employment within the legion, although a small number of redundancies is possible.

The legion was set up after the First World War to provide jobs for ex-Service people, many of whom were disabled, and their dependants.

Graham Downing, the legion's national chairman, said that the movement had a duty to make the most effective use of funds to help as many as possible of those in need.

Nigerian who died after drug arrest suffered 45 injuries

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A NIGERIAN who died after being arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs had up to 45 injuries on his body, an inquest jury was told yesterday. One police officer admitted kicking the man in the head.

Extra officers had been called in to help to detain Oluwashijibomi Lapite after a struggle developed when he left a club in Stoke Newington. northeast London.

Mr Lapite, 34, a painter and decorator who was seeking political asylum in Britain, died from injuries received from compression of the neck. the court was told. He had received between 35 and 45 injuries as police tried to arrest him for allegedly possessing crack cocaine.

Mr Lapite, of Homerton, was taken ill in a police van and was pronounced dead after being admitted to Homerton Hospital, St Pan-

cras Coroner's Court was told. PC Paul Wright, one of the arresting officers, said he and a colleague were on plainclothes duty watching a club in which they suspected were people in possession of con-trolled drugs.

He said he saw a black male with his right hand closed by his side and his left hand open. "I saw him bend down and place something by the tree.

We pulled alongside of him. I said. 'Wait there, mate', which he did. I said. 'You are going to be searched for drugs.' and I conducted the search, which was negative."

The other officer picked up two clingfilm wraps from by the tree. PC Wright said after they arrested Mr Lapite, a struggle began and he ran off.

"We caught up and I grabbed him by the neck. He then tried to hit me and pulled away from us. He was constantly fighting." PC Wright ended up on Mr Lapite's back. "During the struggle, my arm was getting tighter and tighter around his

Stephen Ming Chan, the Coroner, interjected: "Thirtyfive injuries on the deceased man are listed by one pathologist and 45 by another. Do you have any explanations? After a pause, PC Wright

replied: "No sir." PC Andrew McCallum said that during the struggle Mr Lapite had attempted to bite him. "I kicked him in the head because I believed I was going to be subjected to a violent attack. I attempted to cuff his left hand but the man went back, kicking me in the chest, then he started to struggle. He was a very strong man.

The hearing continues.

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HIV man posed as a doctor

An HIV-positive man who posed as a doctor was jailed for six months. Christopher Payne, 33. who was briefly a nurse in his native South Africa, gave vitamin injec-tions, antidepressants, antibiotics and creams to up to 30 people. Payne, of Notting Hill Gate, London, admitted obtaining property by deception, common assault and theft. His barrister, Timothy Banks, told Southwark Crown Court he had acted from the highest moral motives. "Having been diagnosed HIV positive ... he was an excellent counsellor and a good listener.

Writer's libel win

The writer Nigel Watts accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages in the High Court from The Sunday Times over its suggestion that he had plagiarised another author's unpublished manuscript for his first novel *The Life Game*, which won the 1989 Betty Trask award.

TV case deferred

The High Court reserved judgment on whether the Independent Television Commission's award of the licence for a fifth television channel to Channel 5 Broadcasting was unreasonable. Virgin Tele-vision claimed CB5 should not have been allowed to increase its bid after the deadline.

Sir Edward Heath

☐ Sir Edward Heath asks us to make clear that, contrary to a headline on a report (December II), he continues his wholehearted backing for the Prime Minister, even though, in the event of a future Labour government, he would support that administration on those European issues on which he believed it merited

Islamic Dawaa Party

☐ The Islamic Dawaa Party, which has an office in London. has no connection with a similarly named group accused by Philippines police of plotting to kill diplomats in Manila (report. January 10).

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Future sports and arts stars to be given lottery cash

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

BUDDING sports stars are to the teams representing Britain receive National Lottery grants worth thousands of pounds to fund their training. Would-be artists and performers will also benefit from a government drive to promote individual talent and

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, said yes-terday: We have just seen Emma Thompson winning her Golden Globe. We now want to help the stars of the

future. We are going for gold."
The lottery "talent funds", to be administered by the Arts and Sports Councils, would benefit young people who wanted to become part of Britain's sporting and artistic elite the said

The grants, ratiging from several hundred pounds to thousands, could be available as early as April, in time to contribute to the training costs of Britain's Olympic squad.

Kevin Hickey, technical director of the British Olympic Association, said the timing was excellent. "We are moving into a situation where the facilities and funding for elite competitors will allow them to fulfil their potential."

Derek Casey, chief exective of the Sports Council, said that the real beneficiaries would be



Bottomley: she wants

in the 2000 Olympics in Sydncy and the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002. 'If you look at the investment in talented youngsters in different parts of the world, it is fair to say that large-scale investment in the long term

produces higher standards and more gold medals, he · John James, chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association. also welcomed the talent funds. Although the initiative was unlikely to produce a British Wimbledon champion in the next year or two, it would "hopefully do so within

not easily available.

would only cut the cash avail-

able for good causes, she said.

a decade"

Individual lottery grants or bursaries worth a minimum of £2,000 will soon become available from the Millennium Commission, which last year set aside £100 million to help people to study, travel and improve their communities. But until now Sports and Arts lottery grants have been available only to capital projects, such as constructing and restoring buildings.

While the scheme will allow revenue funding, such as investment in people, it will not permit arts and sports bodies to subsidise their day-to-day running costs, such as buildng maintenance. Sir David Puttnam, chair-

man of the National Film and Television School and a member of the Arts Council's ottery board, said the talent funds represented the first step in making the lottery more user-friendly". He added that the grants could greatly assist in training Britain's next generation of film-makers.

Education authority grants for students at the school are discretionary. "This could stabilise a grant situation that has, at best, been chaotic in the last decade," Sir David said. A spokeswoman for the Arts Council said the talent funds

could also be used to help

dance and drama students. Law Society chief

accuses staff of blocking reforms

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS' new leaders accused the profession's establishment yesterday of hindering reforms. Robert Sayer, deputy vice-president of the Law Society, said that he and Martin Mears, the president. were being blocked every inch of the way from implementing a platform of changes on which they were elected last

Mr Sayer cited their plans to stamp out cut-price convey-ancing, to review how the society spends its £51 million budget and to limit numbers. of trainees joining the 65,000strong profession so that they match places available.

The simmering hostility between the new leadership. elected last summer in the first contested elections for nearly 40 years, and the society's staff and council has erupted over

the conveyancing issue. Mr Sayer proposed to the council before Christmas that conveyancers who consistently charged fees below a minimum guideline should not be covered by the profession's indemnity insurance but should have to find cover on

the open market. The meeting agreed that the proposals, with other suggestions, be put to the profession in a consultation paper, Yesterday Mr Sayer said that not only had senior officials insisted that they should draft the consultation paper, but that the draft paid only lip service to his proposals.

He said: "It is too late now to change this paper, which is completely alien to my original proposals. It is being presented as a fait accompli. The entire debate within council might just as well have never taken place."

Another example was his proposed review of the Law Society's finances, Mr Sayer said. He had suggested that consultants examine spending and consult staff. "I was then told this could not be done and that staff were not authorised to talk to outsiders and that this was not to be allowed."

John Hayes, the society's secretary-general, denied that staff had an agenda of their own. "The tenor of the council meeting before Christmas was that they wanted a more balanced paper putting the options and this is what the

staff has done.
"The office holders have a very ambitious agenda and people will be able to study for themselves what they have achieved, and if not, why not."

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BR locks train doors after coupling snaps

By Jonathan Prynn

ALL connecting doors on hundreds of new commuter train carriages have been locked because of the risk of one becoming detached with passengers on board.

British Rail has ordered an urgent safety inspection on Networker trains operated by South Eastern, after cracks were found in the metal a couplings that hold together the carriages. The trains will stay in service while checks

are made. The metal fatigue was idennified on 97 trains after a coupling sheared during shunning at the Slade Green depot in southeast London on January 13. It was initially thought to be limited to trains

that had completed more than 80,000 miles but subsequent ultrasonic tests found that some new trains were also affected.

A spokesman for South Eastern said passengers were not in danger. They could communicate with the driver in an emergency. In the unlikely event of a carriage becoming detached, the rest of the train would automatically be brought to a halt.

However, some South Eastern drivers said the trains should be withdrawn while tests were being made. "It is a bit like sending an airliner into the sky knowing that one of its wings is likely to drop



Emma Thompson: "horribly gratified" with her award for best screenplay

Glittering prize makes Emma an Oscar favourite

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

WITH a Golden Globe for her screenplay for Sense and Sensibility. Emma Thomp-son has confirmed her reputation in Hollywood as a star of many talents and has hot favourite for a similar trophy on Oscar night.

Sir Anthony Hopkins was disappointed in the Best Actor category, which was won by Nicolas Cage for Leaving Las Vegas. Otherwise the evening that has become a dress rehearsal for the Academy Awards was a good one for Britain, with Sense and Sensibility the only film to win more than one prize and Sean Connery receiving a special award for a career that has spanned four decades.

In her acceptance speech at the Beverly Hills ceremony on Sunday. Ms Thompson called the award horribly gratifying" and said: "I'm bloated with pride." She also suggested to an audience thick with studio executives that Miss Austen was owed vast sums in posthumous

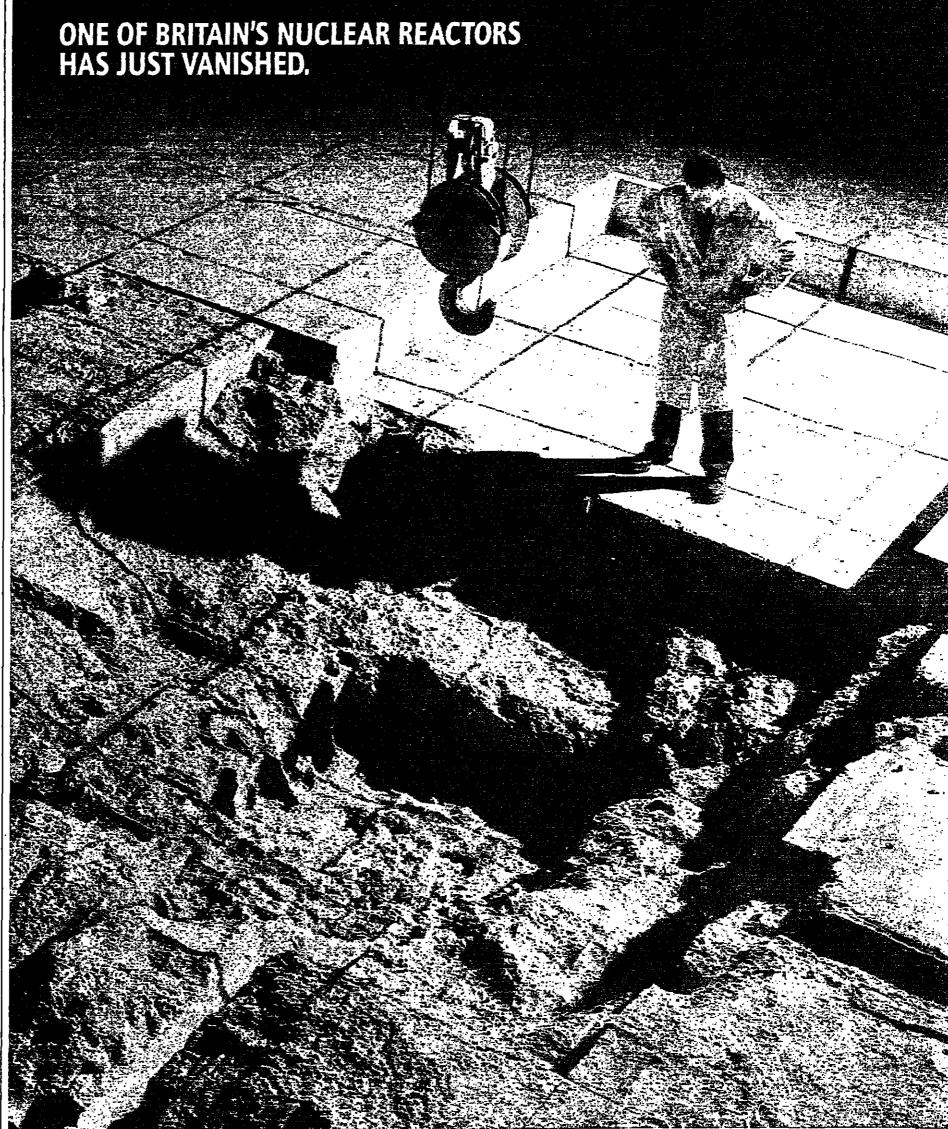
boasted an impressive turnout of celebrities, including Sharon Stone, winner of the no, and Mel Gibson, a surprise victor in the Best Director category for his medieval epic. Braveheart.

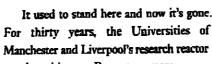
Sean Connery was also on hand to receive the Cecil B. De Mille award and said: "I've travelled to scores of exotic places, met many interesting people, kissed dozens of heautiful woman and actu-

ally been very well paid for it." Sense and Sensibility won the evening's most prestigious prize, for Best Drama, while Babe, the Australian morality tale about a pig that becomes a sheepdog, won in the Best

Comedy category.

The failure of any single film to sweep the board leaves the Oscar race wide open. Sense and Sensibility, which had six Golden Globe nominations, could win at least as many in the Academy Award nominations next month. The Prince of Wales will attend London on February 21.





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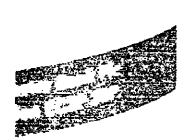
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Defence Ministry admits negligence

Naval worker with brain damage wins £280,000 payout

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A ROYAL NAVY fitter who says he suffered brain damage from exposure to a strong solvent was awarded £280.000 compensation in an out-ofcourt settlement yesterday.

The Ministry of Defence admitted negligence in expos-ing Tony Bradshaw, 57, to five times the permitted level of methyl ethyl ketone (MEK). But it did not accept that this had to led to his speech, co-ordination and mobility difficulties.

Mr Bradshaw, 57, had been fighting since 1989 to prove that his condition, cerebellar ataxia, was related to his work. The MoD will have to pay five-figure costs on top of the out-of-court settlement. John Allen, of the Amai-

gamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which backed Mr Bradshaw's case. called for a nationwide ban on MEK, which he said was used extensively in industry. He said there could be many others suffering ill-effects from the solvent, a strong substitute white spirit. "Mr Bradshaw's life has been torn apart by MEK due to the

exposure to it." he added. Mr Bradshaw, who is married with a 31-year-old daughter, was a fitter at the Royal Naval Armaments Depot at Gosport, Hampshire, between 72 and 1986. He said he used MEK regularly to strip Seacat "I used to keep the chemical

MoD's failure to limit his



Bradshaw: blamed iliness on solvent

at work in dried milk tins and old coffee jars that my wife saved for me," he said. "While working with the MoD I was never given any warning at all that MEK might be toxic.

"I worked in a small room about six metres square and the smell of MEK was vile, but the door was supposed to be

kept shut for security reasons.

I was especially busy during the Falklands War when I worked a lot of overtime using MEK to remove the sealant on Seacat missiles."

Mr Bradshaw, of Portsmouth, became aware of an illness "creeping up on him" and by the early 1980s his speech began to slur and he found it difficult to write his signature. He had a rubber stamp made to save him having to sign his name.

His wife Sheila, 56, said she was not aware of a serious for some time because he was an indepen-

In 1985 Mr Bradshaw was diagnosed as suffering from cerebellar ataxia, which can be caused by excessive glue sniffing. "My brain tells me to do something and my body simply won't respond. I find myself fumbling when I try to do things and I am simply not co-ordinated. I feel as if a brick wall has come down on my life." he said.

No money in the world can make up for me not being able to do my own DIY, get under-neath a car or even tie my own

Tom Jones, his solicitor. said: "He deserves every penny of his compensation. His exposure to this chemical has restricted his mobility and caused slurring of speech. He will never work again."

Mr Jones said that other

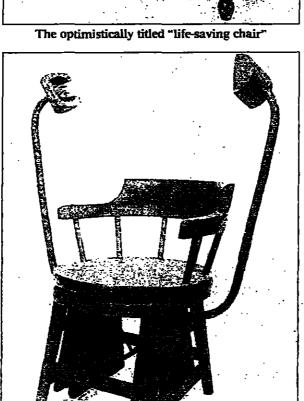
cases were expected to come to light. There are more out Although his case had taken

more than six years to settle, Mr Bradshaw said he did not feel bitter towards the MoD. He has established a local organisation to help people who have similar medical conditions.

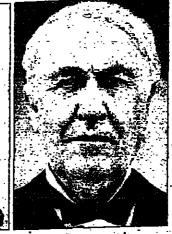
Professor Anthony Seaton. head of the department of environmental and occupational medicine at Aberdeen University, said he had encountered two other cases where excessive exposure to MEK had led to mental

The MoD would not com-





Keep a cool head: the rotating blast-producing chair



The automatic telegraph invented by Edison, right, is among the important items

What am I bid for these mothers of invention?

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

ZANY contraptions and Heath Robinson-style inventions that their creators hoped would improve the world are to be auctioned

Models for an 1873 exercise machine that looks like an instrument of torture: an 1880 conical-shaped dust-collector, and an 1873 carpetsweeper largely made up of a box and some string are among the weird and wonderful gadgets to be sold by Christie's.

All were submitted to the American Patent Office between 1836 and 1899, and come complete with the drawings and specification sheets that also had to be provided. Each of the 200 items is being sold separately, with estimates ranging from £200 to £50,000; the entire collection is expected to fetch up to £300.000.

Some worked, and are not dissimilar to today's models. Others did not. A few, such as a bath that could send electric current through the water, would have been downright

tion was not quite as inge-nious as it seemed: in 1881, Alphonso Wilson of New York came up with a chair for saving lives at sea. If a ship sank, passengers could leap into the chairs, jump over-board and a flotation tank fitted underneath would ensure they were buoyed by the

At least, that was the idea Tom Rose a director of Christie's at South Kensington - who catalogued the items for its New York sale today - said: "It was totally and utterly impracticable. You would have broken your back jumping into the sea with that You'd have sat there bobbing on the ocean with your broken back." The contraption is expected to make between £3,000 and £4,000.

Bizarre but perhaps bril-liant was the 1858 rotating blast-producing chair by Leopold Richard Breisach. another New Yorker. A model of mahogany, brass and leather created an individual air-conditioning system: the chair operated two bellows to blow cool air to the sitter's

head. It is expected to fetch between £4,000 and £6,000. Some of the inventions were by Londoners: William Richards's 1871 improvement to chimney pots and the 1875

model for the improvement

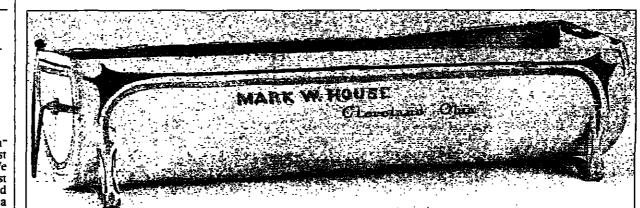
in gas-burners by Albert

The collection was formed by Cliff Petersen, an American retired aeronautics con-sultant, who in 1979 bought 800 crates of patent models. touched since 1923 when the US Government stopped

Mr Rose explained that Mr Petersen had been instrumental in saving some 40,000 which were about to be discarded because "no one was interested in them". He eventually gave 30,000 to the American Patent Foundation and kept 4,500 of those that

most intrigued him. Mr Rose said: "There is an amazing cross-section of models in terms of quality. beautifully made. They cover an enormous area of human activity. Each one is a unique

piece of history."
Leading the sale is the patent model of an 1881 carboniser for light bulb filaments by the inventor of the light bulb. Thomas A. Edison. There is also one of his earlier inventions, the automatic telegraph. They are each estimated to fetch some £50,000. As the catalogue notes. Edison holds the record for the most patents ssued to a single individual. 1,093. Among other important pieces is the model of a catamaran designed in 1877 by Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, who built many boats that became contenders for the America's Cup.



The 1862 model for an allegedly therapeutic device intended to pass an electric current through bathwater

Bypass protesters accused of cutting brake pipe

PROTESTERS against the Newbury bypass were accused of using increasingly sinister tactics yesterday after a brake pipe was apparently cut on a coach carrying security guards.

As work on clearing the route went into its third week. the number of guards protectvorkmen ruse to at least 500. They now outnumber activists by about four to one. Campaigners admitted they were unable to stop work. More than 10 per cent of the

route has been cleared. The 50-seater coach was surrounded by 20 people at Chicveley services on the M4. In the past few days protesters have urinated on guards, embedded nails in trees and "spiked" trees with metal wires, said the Highways Agency, which condemned the violent change in protesters' methods.

"Spiking is a deliberate and nasty tactic which causes chainsaws to snarl. It can be operators because the chainsaws can come apart and maul the workmen's arms quite badly. We also take the attack on the coach very seriously. Lives could have been endangered.

The agency, responsible for building the £100 million road in Berkshire, said the level of protest had tailed off but a

"campaign of intimidation" was still being waged against but we had hoped it would remain non-violent," said a

estimate 600."

more camps along the route and there are now at least 13. The Highways Agency goes to the High Court on Friday to try to win possession orders. which would lead to the bailiffs going into four camps.

guards and contractors. "We accept people's right to protest spokeswoman. Simon Festing, transport

campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said protesters had through cordons along the 812mile route. "There are large numbers of security guards. I

He said some of the 200 protesters arrested so far were concerned about the legal implications of further direct action and the protest was more passive. There was one arrest yesterday as work continued at two sites.

Campaigners have founded

The cost of evicting the campaigners from scores of makeshift treetop homes, by using a team of bailiffs, will add to the security bill.

ories drop council house opt-out scheme and costly legal procedure, has failed to capture the public's imagination and control after their estates were threattroversial Housing Action Trust pro-

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are abandoning one of Baroness Thatcher's main housing initiatives after fewer than 1,000 council tenants benefited at a cost of more than £4 million. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is demanding an end to the "tenants' choice" scheme to regenerate run-down council estates that formed part of the Tories' electionwinning manifesto in 1987.

In eight years only 981 council tenants out of a possible six million have taken up the option to transfer control of their estates from local councils to other landlords or independent tenants' associations.

Ministers have conceded that the scheme, which requires closely monitored residents' ballots and a complex is proving an unnecessary burden on

Nick Raynsford, Labour's housing spokesman, yesterday tabled Commons questions to Mr Gummer and to David Curry, the Housing Minister, demanding to know details of the costs of the programme. He also suggested that the National Audit Office should consider investigating the costs of the various opt-out schemes.

Tory ministers believed tenants' choice would prompt a mass exodus of householders frustrated at the activities of Labour councils, but the only sizeable opt-out of council control has taken place in the Tory borough of Westminster. It took nearly four years for 918 residents from the Walterton and Elgin estates in Paddington, west

ened with sale to the private sector.

The only other successful opt-out involving more than ten homes took place when 58 Holtsfield householders decided to end South Buckinghamshire District Council's control of their

Some £1.7 million was spent on a plan to set up a tenants' choice scheme in Torbay, Devon, but 1,800 residents threw out the proposals after a protracted legal battle with the local Conservative council.

Mr Raynsford said: "This is a salutary lesson for any housing minister that they can pass legislation to their hearts' content but, if it doesn't have the support of the public, they are simply whistling in the wind." The scheme ran alongside the con-

gramme, under which some councils were forced to relinquish control of the worst-run council estates. It was one of the first pieces of legislation to be passed in Lady Thatcher's final term in

Mr Gummer will appeal to MPs next week to repeal the 1988 legislation that set up tenants' choice, which he says is costing the housing corporations that run the scheme more than El million a year, on top of the costs to local authorities. The repeal of the law appears as a short section in the Housing Bill published last week.

The housing reforms were largely the work of John Patten, Lady Thatcher's Housing Minister, who saw them as a way of reducing the power of councils, particularly those run by

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By ROBIN YOUNG A SEARCH for a missing hillwalker in Scotland may have been triggered by a

Hillwalker search

'caused by a bilk'

trickster dodging a £40 hotel bill, police said yesterday. The missing man, in his 20s. booked into the Royal Hotel in Kingussie, near Inverness, for three nights under the name James Kimmance, and gave his address as "Jersey, Channel Islands".

He set off on a supposed hill walking expedition early on Saturday morning, leaving two possible routes and an estimated time for his return to the hotel. When he failed to come back the alarm was raised and mountain rescue teams and an RAF helicopter were called out.

The rescue hunt, which has cost an estimated £50,000, was abandoned yesterday "for lack of information" after police had checked the man's hotel room and found nothing but two pairs of underpants.

Inspector Willie Maclean. spokesman of Northern Constabulary, said: "There are several lines of inquiry being followed. One is that he might still be on the hills but another is that he was simply dodging paying his bill. Nothing is being ruled out, but it makes it doubly difficult that we have not been able to confirm the man's identity, or locate any next of kin."

Inquiries in Jersey failed to find anyone called Kimmance. There is no such listing in the island telephone directory. police have no record, and Mr Kimmance is unknown to the Jersey Climbing Club.

It also transpired that in contradiction to his story of going hillwalking on Saturday, the man had told regulars at a pub in Kingussie on Friday night that he would be driving to Glasgow the next day to fly back to Jersey. Bernard Justice, owner of

the Royal Hotel, said: "It is possible that this man was just out to bilk us. That is a regular occurrence." But he said it would be galling if the man had put

lives at risk to save the cost of two nights' bed and breakfast. "If that is the case I hope he feels good about himself." John Allan, of the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team. which was involved in Sunday's search, said: "If all this turns out to have been a false alarm we will be very angry. My team of volunteers were

placed in a potentially

dangerous situation by this

Bogus schoolboy invites film deal

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE 32-year-old failed medical student who posed as a schoolboy of 17 has begun talks with the producer of Rob Roy about filming his story. Brian Mackinnon, who used the alias Brandon Lee to

dupe teachers at Bearsden Academy, his former school in Glasgow, hopes to pay for medical studies abroad from the proceeds. He is in discussions with Peter Broughan, a former BBC producer and editor who set up Bronco Films in Glasgow. He chose Mr Broughan because he was impressed with the integrity of

A spokeswoman for Bronco



Mackinnon: impressed by Rob Roy producer

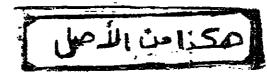
Films said that talks with Mr Mackinnon and his agent were at an early stage. Mr Broughan is likely to seek

award for persuading Hollywood to make Rob Roy, which was filmed largely in Scotland. It is understood that Mr Mackinnon is contemplating publishing his autobiography under the provisional title Heart and Soul. His exploits attracted worldwide media at-

tention last September. When Mr Mackinnon went back to school he achieved enough Highers to gain a place to study medicine at Dundee University. He lost the place when his identity was revealed and it became known that he had failed to complete a degree in medicine

at Glasgow University. Mr Mackinnon feels that it would be difficult for him to gain a place to read medicine at a British university but is considering studying abroad. "I'd go to Outer Mongolia if they spoke English and offered me the chance to practise medicine." he said, "The worst of this is that I've done nothing illegal. I just want to help

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Harman's action condemned as 'kick in the teeth from a woman who should know better'

Activists dismayed by MP's school decision

LABOUR Party activists in Harriet Harman's Peckham constituency reacted with anger and dismay yesterday to her decision to send her son to a selective grammar school.

Councillors in Peckham, in the south London borough of Southwark, accused Ms Harman of kicking local schools in the teeth" and said that she did not consult them about educational standards there before deciding to send her H-year-old son Joseph to St Olave's in Orpington, Kent.

The local party in Orping-ton has sent a letter of protest to Ms Harman and an emergency motion is expected to be tabled for Labour's general management committee meeting tomorrow night.

The attack on Ms Harman. Shadow Health Secretary and one of the borough s MPs, was led by Mary Ellery, member in



Worsley: Harman in an invidious position

Peckham for 30 years. Mrs Ellery, a councillor and former mayor of Southwark. said: "I can't believe that she has done this. I am proud of the fact my four grown-up children, and my grandchil-dren, went to the local state schools have improved imhave not improved enough for mensely but this is a kick in can afford to send her children elsewhere and who should know better. She is saying: the schools are good enough for Peckham kids but not for mine. It just looks awful for all the hard working teachers in

Southwark, one of the poorest three boroughs in Britain, has languished for years at the bottom of the national schools' league table, although last year it rose five places. William Penn. Ms Harman's neighbourhood comprehensive school, is a mile from her home. It is next to the bottom of Southwark's league table with only 30 per cent of pupils leaving with a single GSCE

our schools."

pass last summer. Mrs Ellery, chairman of the education and leisure sub-

other parents had made in despair at the poor performance of the borough's schools. However, she supported the right of Labour frontbenchers to make personal choices about their own She added: "Labour politi-

our own MP. What can I tell

constituents when they come

to my surgery and complain

Anne Worsley, chairman of Southwark's education com-

mittee, said that Ms Harman

had never consulted her about

the quality of local state schools. She told a press

conference at Southwark town

hall: "I regret that we were not

able to offer the full range of

education for which the child

was suited. She [Ms Harman]

has made that choice, which I

regret."
Ms Worsley said that it was

the same choice which many

about our schools?"

cians are in an invidious position. Harriet Harman has chosen as a parent. If she chooses to send her child outside the borough this reschools throughout the London area. It is a situation we have lived with for a number of years. Quite a few parents have chosen outside the borough. I would not

Jeremy Fraser, the leader of the council, described Ms Harman as an excellent constituency MP who had raised a number of education issues with him. But he would not comment on her decision.

Ron Huzzard, assistant secretary of Orpington Labour Party, wrote to Ms Harman yesterday, "She should resign from the Shadow Cabinet and national executive," he said. We feel very strongly about it. St Olave's is excluded from the vast majority of Orpington people. I am amazed that a Labour member of the Shadow Cabinet could even contemplate sending their child

Yesterday Ms Harman was under a virtual siege at her south London house. The MP. who is apparently suffering from flu. is refusing to leave her home. Her husband. Jack Dromey, a senior official for the Transport and General Workers' Union, remained with her. Ms Harman made and photographers outside that she had enough provisions to last for three weeks.

She has protested to the Press Complaints Commission after photographers al-legedly "surged" towards Joseph as he left for school Leading article, page 15

up at their home in Herne

council houses.

Ms Harman was educated at St Paul's girls' School and York University. She was Labour seat of Peckham in

ren came first, but her colleagues say that she is extremely hard working Many male Labour MPs view her with deep suspicion and believe she was out of her depth on economics when she was made Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Old

the by-election of 1982 as a leftof-centre candidate. Most voters in her constituency live in In the House she was

fearlessly feminist, breastfeeding in front of colleagues and adamant that her child-

Labour saw to it that she lost

her Shadow Cabinet job but

in chiefs How top parents on Kohl bowed to party pressure By JOHN O'LEARY

WHEN Harold Wilson was leader of the Labour Party in the 1960s he would sometimes drop his sons off at their independent school on his way to Westminster. Three decades later, Labour MPs have to think more carefully about sending their children even to some kinds of state schools if they are to avoid charges of political hypocrisy. Harriet Harman is the lat-

est in a long line of Labour luminaries to face the dilemma of whether to follow the spirit of party policy or to select the best available school. Several members of Wilson's Cabinet altered their plans when education became a sensitive political issue and few have challenged compre hensive orthodoxy since.

There was little or no criti cism of Wilson's choice of University College School. north London, despite his government's championing of comprehensive education. But two of his senior colleagues. Tony Benn and Roy Jenkins, moved their children from the independent sector to Holland Park School, west London. perhaps the most fashionable state school of the day.

John Vaizey, one of Wilson's closest advisers, chose Eton, as did C.P.Snow, in his days as a Labour minister. Lord Snow memorably justified his decision as necessary to introduce his son to the type of

Others exercised an early version of selection by mortgage. Richard Crossman, as Education Secretary, avoided inner London schools when his family moved to their country home in Oxfordshire during the week.

MPs' choice of school became a national issue in the late 1970s when Shirley Williams came under pressure to move her daughter from The Godolphin and Latymer School, west London, which was choosing to become independent rather than go comprehensive. She, too, opted for Holland Park.

During Labour's lurch to the left, few MPs were pared to risk a school which might prove controversial, One exception was Kevin Mc-Namara, the party's spokes-man on Ireland, who survived a deselection motion after refusing to remove his sons from Ampleforth College. They had won music scholarships and he argued that the combination of Catholic education and specialist music teaching was not available at state schools near by.

Opting out has presented Labour politicians with new obstacles, as Tony Blair discovered when he chose the London Oratory School for his son Euan. Although party policy does not preclude grantmaintained schools, Labour is committed to abolishing the system in its present form. Peter Hain, whose children

attend the grant-maintained Elliott School in Wandsworth, south London, said yesterday that his eldest son had been at the school for five years before it opted out against his wishes. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, is politically beyond reproach: only 2 per cent of candidates achieved the equivalent of five O levels when his children

first attended their compre-

hensive school in his Sheffield

constituency.

Inner-city comprehensive and its celebrated rival

By DAVID CHARTER AND LEYLA LINTON

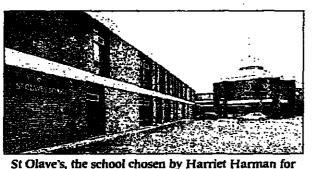
HARRIET HARMAN'S son Joseph will be able to try his hand at Eton Fives, a sport usually associated with a few independent schools, when he arrives at St Olave's next September.

The grant-maintained grammar school for boys in Orpington, Kent, which has a variety of sporting facilities including an indoor swimming pool and squash courts. is a national force at fives and recently recorded victories against the founders of the

The contrast with facilities at the nearest school to the home of the Shadow Health Secretary and MP for Peckham could not be greater. William Penn comprehen-sive has no playing fields or swimming pool on its cramped site in Dulwich. south London.

Having been classified as failing by school inspectors. William Penn school is working on an action plan to turn around a dismal performance in some subject areas, but has not been helped by run-down concrete and glass accom-

Lloyd Marshall, the head teacher, said: "As an innercity comp we are trying to do our best for the children. The children come in from wide and far, and many come from difficult circumstances. We have to work with what we



St Olave's, the school chosen by Harriet Harman for her son, and below, the local one she decided against



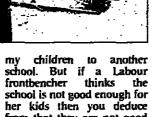
set targets for raising the performance of all children. We are not in a position to select anybody.

from working-class and ethnic minority backgrounds at prospering middle-class parents dominate the roll of St Olave's. Last summer. Wilfiam Penn's steel band played for Princess Margaret at a garden party.

John Hall who has two children, lives 200 yards from William Penn's school gates. He said: "I understand Harriet Harman's dilemma. I send

Most of the children are her kids then you deduce from that they are not good enough for anyone's."

and the actor Roy Marsden.



oversubscribed by six to one. A £1.5 million building programme is helping to expand the entry to four classes next

Old boys include Baron Hill of Luton, a former BBC chairman, Sir Alan Marre. a former Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

Hattie and Jack, new Labour's model couple By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER Hill, south London, and take HATTIE and Jack Harman, as they are known to their it in turns to babysit. should be the

Jack Dromey, Ms Harman's husband, at their south London home yesterday

Identikit new Labour couple. She is the middle-class daughter of a lawyer and a Harley Street doctor who gives polish to Labour's front bench. He is the articulate son of a poor Irish immigrant couple who looks like a Staactually "rather cute and very acute" and is now the acceptable face of the trade union

Together they have managed to nurture two extremely competitive careers and three children, Harry, Joseph and Amy. They discuss the minimum wage over the washing

As one Shadow Cabinet colleague says: They give street cred to each other

because she comes from this rather posh background and he is one of the workers. They make Tony Blair's the ideal knitting pattern couple. " The pair met while he was a bearded militant, working for the Brent trades council and

she was a young solicitor at the Brent Law centre. He was making trouble on the Grunwick picket line and she was crusading for civil liberties and sex equality.

elected for the impoverished

Tony Blair rates her extremely highly and has made her Shadow Health Secretary.

Mother's choice puts political career on the line

smiling vesterday for the first time in a long while. It may not last long. But, for the moment. Tony Blair faces a serious test of the credibility of his "new"

Labour approach.

Harriet Harman's decision to send one of her sons to a selective grammar school has touched the most sensitive Labour nerves. An attachment to comprehensive education has been one of the strongest held beliefs of many Labour members, lasting far longer than support for public ownership or clause four. It was the centrepiece of the egalitarianism of the Labour revisionists who came of age in the 1960s and 1970s and whose intellectual mentor was Anthony

Crosland. Their flame is still kept alive by Roy Hattersley, in rare alliance with the traditional Labour Left. This alignment across rightleft divisions creares particular difficulties for Mr Biair. The producer interests of educa-

tion are also strongly represented in the party: many Labour activists are teachers and school governors. Consequently, no issue has created greater anguish within constituency parties over the past few years than the decisions that many party members have faced as parents in local ballots on whether schools should become grant-maintained. Labour has shifted towards an

uneasy acceptance of greater independence for existing opted-out schools within an overall frame-

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work set by local education authorities. By far the most passionate debate at last automatic Labourconference was over education. The leadership line only prevailed thanks to David Blunkert's assurance that the party would continue to oppose selection by examination or by interview, though with a fudge over the future of existing grammar schools.

Education is one of those rare issues where MPs can face a direct personal conflict between personal and party responsibilities. On most questions, such as a single currency or rail privatisation, the personal

behaviour of an MP is irrelevant. But, on education, and to a lesser extent health, a conflict can exist between a parent's desire to secure the best possible schooling for their child and the policy commitments of their party. In many parts of the country, there is no problem since the quality of local state education or health provision is high. But that is not true in parts of inner-London. Many comprehensive schools near where Ms Harman lives have serious disciplinary problems and have appalling academic results.

children first.

MPs who are parents can face a choice of following the party's policy line or putting the interests of their children first. Mr Blair's decision to send one of his sons to

an opted-out, though comprehensive, school has caused him more personal difficulties within the party than any other matter, even though his decision was within the letter of Labour's shifting policy. Ms Harman faces an even more acute dilemma. She is putting her career at risk by putting her

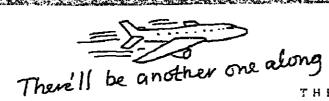
The risks are real. She is suspected by many of the more traditionally minded male MPs for being a metropolitan trendy. She has already lost her Shadow Cabinet place once, in 1993, and would do so again if elections were held soon. Her reelection to the party's national executive this autumn may also be

in doubt. But Mr Blair has to back Ms Harman in her attempt to ride out the row. Anything else would represent a victory for the rumbling forces of "old" Labour and undermine his attempt to present Labour as a "new" party favouring parental choice.

The row has not only provided the Tories with welcome ammunition but has also exposed the weaknesses in Labour's current compromise approach. If parental choice is to mean anything, parents should be allowed to choose the schools they believe best for their children. Ms Harman has offended many in her party but her priorities are those of most parents.

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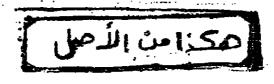
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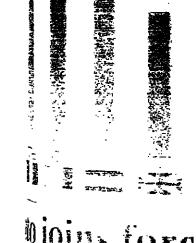
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Crisis talks on Germany's decline as corporate giants squeeze workers

Industry and union chiefs call on Kohl to halt rise in unemployed

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN employers and union representatives hold talks today with Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to press him to take urgent action to rising unemployment and halt the country's econom-

The number of jobless in Germany will exceed four million this month and the

Rouble riches

Moscow: Nearly one-quarter of Russians become rouble millionaires each month. The sum equals little more than \$200 (£132). Another quarter earned less than the subsistence wage of 327.000 roubles, according to the State Statistics Committee yesterday. (AP)

news from industry does not encourage optimism. AEG, the electronics giant now part of Daimler, is being dismantled. Grundig, another house-hold name, is in trouble. Yesterday Daimler suspended its shares while a decision was made about the future of the Dutch aircraft manufacturer, Fokker, in which Daimler has

Since 1992, Daimler, Volkswagen and Siemens have shed 150,000 jobs. This year 1BM Germany is planning to cut more than 1,000 jobs. Bayer will cut 2,000. New investment plans increasingly focus on cheap labour countries, such as Poland and the Czech Republic, or lower cost European Union members, like Britain. Siemens is setting up its new microchip factory in

northeast England. Yesterday metalworkers, led by the union IG Metall, launched strikes and occupied smelting plants across Germany's Ruhr industrial heartland to protest against planned changes to retirement laws. They fear the changes

will threaten jobs. The talks today will focus on devising a way out of the jobs crisis without seriously upsetting the foundations of Germany's welfare state. They will also address the problem of how to lower Germany's extraordinarily high labour costs. The Chancellor's former adviser on the economy. Dr Johannes Ludewig - now State Secretary in the Economics Ministry - has worked out a four-point plan which will form the basis of today's



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German steelworkers in Duisburg carry a mock coffin as they protest against planned changes to retirement laws which they fear will lead to layoffs

☐ Supplementary wage costs have to be lowered. Employers' contributions to social insurance currently amount to the equivalent of 41.3 per cent of the wage. If this were cut to 39 per cent. employers would save some 15 billion marks. It could lead to the hiring of new workers. The missing money for social insurance would come from an increase in value-added tax.

☐ Tax breaks should be restricted to a minimum, according to the Ludewig paper. But income tax should be cut. ☐ The Government should spend more on encouraging new entrepreneurs. ☐ Subsidies to farmers and coal miners have to be cut.

The plan makes sense to many Bonn politicians. Nor-bert Blum, the Christian Democrat Labour Minister. regards the plan -complemented by a restriction on overnme and early retire-

Germany more efficient while retaining the welfare state. "Hiring and firing does not fit into our idea of social partnership" he said. "The employers should be concen-

ment — as a way of making

trating on making rather than on slaughtering: on creating rather than destroving jobs. The unions go some way along this path, but it is far from clear whether the Chan-

cellor will win broader social

acceptance for his ideas. About one-third of Germa-

ny's economic strength is needed to support the welfare state. For every mark paid by a company to its workers. another 80 plennigs have to be paid for welfare costs. Because unemployment is rising, matched by the demand for unemployment benefit, there is ever more pressure to raise social contributions. These costs are forcing companies to declare more redundancies.

Daimler is cutting back jobs because it over-expanded in the 1980s. It did so with the explicit encouragement of Deutsche Bank, which owns a

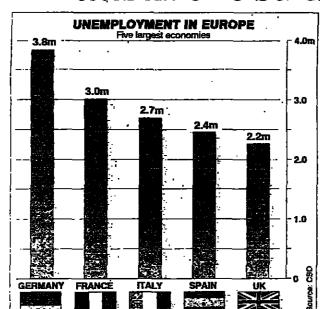
25 per cent stake in Daimler. Bank stakes in German industry are supposed to foster a sense of longer-term investment, strategic thinking and national prosperity. But there appears rather to be a trend towards mutually de-

University study recently found that companies with the highest level of bank influence are the most indebted. Bankinfluenced decisions were often neither business-friendly nor efficient.

Perhaps the most symbolic event of the week will be the return to Germany in handcuffs of Jürgen Schneider, a property magnate who has been on the run since his empire collapsed. He blames German banks for his plight.

Daimler-Fokker link.

Maastricht straitjacket blamed for French economic ills



FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

JEAN ARTHUIS, the French Finance Minister, emerged from last weekend's G7 summit rosy with optimism and predicting that the French economy would see "a clear, significant revival of growth" in the latter part of

But that sunny view finds few echoes among French economists, let alone in the high streets of France where consumer and business confidence are at rock bottom after last month's devastating strikes. Faced with a gloomy economic outlook and the threat of further industrial unrest. France has been gripped by a fresh wave of Euro-scepticism, and in recent days politicians from all sides

have questioned whether France can, or should, meet the requirements for a single European currency.

Economic activity has been

slowing down since the early part of last year, compounded by tax increases and an unemployment rate of 11.5 per cent after three consecutive monthly rises. The Government originally predicted a growt rate of 2.8 per cent for this year, but many economists now believe the rate will not exceed 1.5 per cent.

December's transport strike and flagging economy have already claimed several prominent victims: Galeries Lafayette, the department store, is closing five outlets and laying off 1.000 workers, while 5,000 smaller businesses in the Paris region face possible bankruptcy, "Pessi-

clared a headline in yesterday's Libération newspaper. Overall, the strikes have

destroved an estimated 100,000 jobs and businesses have suffered losses of more than Fr20 billion (£2.6 billion). The problem has been exacerbated in Paris by a sharp drop in foreign tourists. At the end of last month

Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, outlined measures to stimulate the economy, but these have been delayed after the Government belatedly discovered that several of the initiatives required legislative approval. Last week President Chirac announced that France and Germany would co-ordinate measures to boost consumer spending.

In another bid to stimulate the economy, the Bank of

France last week cut its leading interest rates, while declaring its support for government efforts to reduce the budget deficit and reform

the lavish welfare system. The Chirac Government faces a delicate balancing act. The slowdown may require even deeper public spending cuts, which in turn may prompt new strikes, more job losses and further business dislocation. But the price of stronger 2mwth and renewed economic confidence may be still more profound structural reform, and many wonder whether the Government has the stomach for more industrial conflict.

The signs of a slump have provoked a new storm of debate here over European monetary union in general and the Maastricht criteria in

particular, which require that the French budget deficit be reduced from 5 per cent to less than 3 per cent of GDP in the next two years.

Last week Philippe Seguin. the Speaker and France's most prominent Euro-sceptic, lashed out at the stupidity of the Maastricht Treaty's framers. whom he accused of ignoring the people and the realities. Robert Hue, the Communist leader, has called for a referendum on EMU. Jacques Calvet, the outspo-

ken chairman of Peugeot, the French car maker, was more emphatic. "Maastricht no longer exists," he said. "Maastricht is obsolete. Maastricht is dead."

Many hard-pressed businessmen place the blame for their predicament squarely on the drive for monetary union.

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Ardennes poachers put rare species at risk

FROM BEN MACINTIRE

A VAST network poaching endangered French wildlife has been uncovered in the great forests of the Ardennes in northeast France where Charlemagne once hunted

The police arrested 12 people last week suspected of illegally killing rare animals including barn owls and wild boar. They were destined to become trophies or to furnish

the tables of gourmands.

The police discovered 125 protected animals stored in deep freezers, as well as a "paramilitary arsenal" of weapons allegedly used to kill them. The 20 protected species included wild cats, rare squirrels, finches and woodpeckers Most of the animals were passed on to taxidermists to make trophies for game hunters and collectors who would then mount them to claim as

Sport was clearly the last thing on the minds of the illegal hunters because their armoury included night-vision equipment, radio transminers, silencers and military camonllage.

Brigitte Bardot, the animal rights campaigner, has accused the Government of turning a blind eye to the fate of France's rapidly dwindling

The wild boar of the Ardennes were particularly vulnerable to the pouching syndicate, which the police described as "almost industrial in scale". Over the past year game wardens have reported that the forest's population of 600 boar had dropped by a sixth without the discovery of a single carcass.

Charlemagne might have found himself agreeing with Mme Bardot on the need for tighter hunting regulations. The King of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor, who died in AD 814, was particularly fond of hunting the aurochs, a species of wild cattle, in the Ardennes forest. The aurochs is now extinct.



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Nato joins forces with war crimes teams to seek out mass graves

By Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

THE international search for evidence of mass graves in Bosnia intensified yesterday. when leaders of Nato and the war crimes tribunal in the former Yugoslavia apparently agreed on how to work together to uncover the truth.

Admiral Leighton Smith, the commander of Nato forces in Bosnia, and Judge Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor of the tribunal, met in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, and agreed on modalities to carry out their respective missions", a statement said. The talks came amid alarm at the weekend over the extent of the aileged graves.

Focus on the alleged mass graves heightened when John Shattuck, the American human rights envoy, toured suspected sites near Srebrenica at the weekend. He said up to 7.000 men may have been massacred by Serb forces in the area. Yesterday he visited Belgrade, the Serbian capital, and briefed President Milosevic on his findings.

Mr Shattuck said he told Mr Milosevic "that what I had seen clearly corroborated the

testimony of the survivors of In Brussels, Javier Solana, the mass executions ... That clearly to me indicates that evidence that has been compiled so far is very clear on mass executions in the area."

American intelligence is, meanwhile, investigating the potentially explosive question of whether President Milosevic was personally associated with war crimes in Bosnia-Herzegovina, While Washington would rather avoid his indicament, given his role in securing the Dayton accord, the White House is said to have signalled to the intelligence community at the end of last year that "no one" was

exempt from investigation. In Sarajevo, Admiral Smith indicated that Nato troops would be able to help the war crimes tribunal by providing appropriate assistance to ensure security for tribunal teams at mass grave sites". His comments came after he was quoted at the weekend as saying: "Nato is not going to guard specific grave sites."

Judge Goldstone said his staff would be visiting the sites "in the very, very near future". Nato Secretary-General. vowed to prevent the destruction of suspected mass grave sites. Sources in Brussels said the Nato-led Implementation Force, Ifor, would conduct regular overflights and take aerial photographs to protect the suspected burial sites. Ground patrols would be sent if the suspected graves were in danger of being tampered with, the source said.



Judge Goldstone: held meeting in Sarajevo

fence Secretary, said in Washington yesterday that Ifor should help international investigators bring war crimi nals to justice. Britain's position is that Nato will have to provide some sort of a role if the investigations are to take place." Mr Portillo said. He was to hold talks later yesterday with William Perry, his American counterpart.

Admiral Smith has, meanwhile, launched a campaign aimed at averting a Serb exodus from Saraievo with the handover of power by March 20 to the Bosnian Government, as stipulated under the Dayton peace accord. There are about 35,000 Serbs in the suburbs of Sarajevo.

Despite the campaign, thousands are organising a mass exodus from the Serb-held areas of the capital by January 31, rather than live under a Muslim-led Government. Bozidar Skobic, a refugee leader, said. "For now it is impossible to live with the Muslims and Croats; maybe in 20 years' time. There has been too much blood spilt and disinformation, lies, lies," he

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tajikistan's chief cleric shot dead

Moscow: Mufti Fatkhulla Sharipov, the supreme Islamic cleric in Tajikistan, has been murdered (Thomas de Waai

writes). Mufti Shapirov and his family were shot dead on Sunday, first day of Ramadan, at his house. The murders put further strain on peace talks, due this week, between the pro-Moscow Government, which the cleric supported. and the Islamic opposition.

Bomb suicide

Sofia: A man enraged by the bankruptcy of a foreign ex-change bureau killed himself by detonating a bomb in a pizza parlour in the Bulgarian capital. The explosion killed two others, police said. (AFP

Mother tongue

Rome: An Italian under house arrest pending an appeal against a conviction for armed robbery has begged police to take him to jail so he can escape his nagging mother, newspapers reported. (Reuter)

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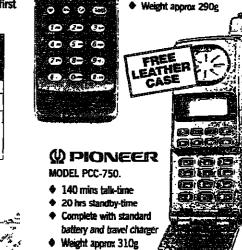
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Africa hit by decline in food aid

Nairobi: Serious food shortages will affect 44 African countries this year as a result of declining global availability of food aid and high cereal prices in the world market, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said

yesterday. "With further production decline anticipated and given the steep increase in world cereal prices, many of the 44

low-income, food-deficit countries will be hard pressed to make up their food needs through imports," a FAO report by Jacques Diouf, the Director-General, said.

The report named Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan as the countries in dire need of emergency assistance. Food aid also remained high for Rwanda, and the report urged the international community to make contigency relies plans for violence-hit Burundi. Much of Liberia will continue to depend on food aid. the FAO said, and gave warning of a "food crisis" in Sierra

Global food availability was unlikely to recover to the high levels of the 1980s, when surplus stocks and subsidised exports from key donors led to generous donations.

Why West must stop paying court to Tsar Yeltsin and his barons



Yeltsin: limbering up

of the latest Chechen insurrection has deepened most Russians' alienation from his Government. Last month the two parties sponsored by the Kremlin won a derisory 11 per cent of the popular vote.

Yet he is manoeuvring more vigorously than ever to be re-elected in the June 12 presidential elections. Brushing aside mounting criticism of his leadership and doubts about his health yesterday, Mr Yeltsin told foreign investors meeting in the Kremlin that he was preparing for a tough presidential race and would formally announce his candidature

in the coming weeks.
Some experienced Russian observers, including Aleksandr Tsipko, of Moscow's Gorbachev Foundation, still think he has a good chance of pulling it off. He will, they believe, continue to revert to his natural authoritarian ways, may split the opposition, and discreetly

With Russia weakened by growing instability, it is time for outsiders to disengage from the factionfighting, argues Professor Peter Reddaway

but firmly rig the election process to

whatever extent is needed. In my view, this is certainly his current aim. But I am not so sure that he can bring it off. The next five months will be full of surprises and dirty tricks. Moreover, Mr Yeltsin's precarious health may not stand the strain and may force him to drop

The military disasters and savagery of last week's anti-Chechen operations resulted largely from gross political incompetence at the top. This humiliated the Government and the army and again held Russia up to international scorn. The President's strategy looks like this. Ruling increasingly like a Tsar.

he relies on a coterie of associates and keeps the political and economic power of each in balance. Since no autonomous middle class has emerged to support him, he bases his power on the regional structures of executive power

Mr Yeltsin will advocate "Re-forms — New Course", on the campaign trail. According to nu-merous leaks, the plan Mr Yeltsin favours is to "organise" the first round of the election so that he and Vladimir Zhirinovsky finish first and second. Mr Yeltsin would win the run-off election because voters would be scared by the prospect of the ultra-nationalist as President Mr Yeltsin has been taking pre-

dominate the new Duma by dismissing their main enemies. Thus the last prominent democrats in Mr Yeltsin's entourage - Andrei Kozyrev, Foreign Minister; Anatoli Chubais, First Deputy Prime Minister; and Sergei Filatov, head of the Presidential Administration - have been removed. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Pavel Grachev, Defence Minister, may follow. Mr Yeltsin has moved to counter

a potential rival in June, retired General Aleksandr Lebed. He reportedly ordered the main Electoral Commission to trim the real vote for Mr Lebed's party to below the 5 per cent required for Duma representation.

If Mr Yeltsin loses his nerve he may postpone the election — an unconstitutional move if done without the consent of the Duma.

ventive action, trying to appease the Communists and nationalists who more unstable. Mr Yeltsin may more unstable. Mr Yeltsin may prefer to try to negotiate a powersharing compromise with the Duma opposition of Communist and nationalist hardliners.

Whatever happens, Western governments need to recognise the Duma elections and the Chechen crisis as serious setbacks to their own hopes and revise their strategy. Firstly, the West should stop taking sides in Russia's internal politics. We have long been fostering anti-Westernism by aggressively sup-porting Mr Yeltsin and Mr Chernomyrdin in ways we would find highly offensive if they were

practised in reverse.
Secondly, we should start to prepare seriously for dealing with a Russia run increasingly by Communists and nationalists. Thirdly, we should admit that several years of IMF-directed attempts at macroworked. Something is fundamentally wrong when the IMF is pumping into Russia billions of dollars in loans, but sums from twice to ten

times as large are simultaneously leaving the country in capital flight. Fourthly, the criticism of the war in Chechenia. From the start, this has undermined Dusties democratical and the country in the start, this has undermined Russia's democracy, sapped its economy and dismayed most of its people.

And, fifthly, we need to realise that the Russian state is now so weak that organised crime and corruption will go on flourishing and order will not be restored for years. In sum, the West needs to rebuild its Russia policy from the

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Millionaire's flat tax lure enlivens **US** election race

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AGAINST the odds, this year's plodding race for the Republican presidential nomination has finally generated a debate of real substance.

The issue is whether America should take the revolutionary step of abandoning tax progressiveness or abide by the unquestioned principle that the better-off should contribute disproportionately more to the common weal.

The catalyst has been Steve Forbes, the publishing magnate. He has spent more than \$12 million (E7.9 million) promoting the idea of a "flat tax" to replace the labyrinthine income tax code with its five basic bands and countless loopholes and deductions.

Instead, he would have all Americans pay exactly the same rate of tax — 17 per cent -on their earned income. The first \$36,800 would be exempt to protect poorer families, but he would permit no deductions and no taxation of any unearned income.

This radical idea, untested anywhere, has propelled Mr Forbes into second place and split the Republican field. Robert Dole, the front-runner, distrusts supply-side economics and tried unsuccessfully to dissuade Jack Kemp, the head sion, from endorsing the concent in the commission's

ator, sought to trump Mr Forbes by proposing a 16 per cent "flat tax", applicable to unearned income, too, and retaining certain popular deductions. Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee Governor, called the "flat tax" a "truly nutty idea" while Pat Buchanan, the populist conservative commentator, sug-gested it had been cooked up

by "the boys in the yacht basin". But everyone - even the White House - has seen where the wind is blowing and now backs a "flatter" tax code. A new Wall Street Journal poll indicates 41 per cent support for the "flat tax" and its proponents certainly paint an alluring picture. They claim it would generate the biggest boom in US history by

liberating the economy from the dead weight of the present tax code, letting Americans keep more of what they earn and encouraging investment. It would also end tax evasion and clean up Washington, as politicians could no longer trade tax breaks for political and financial support.

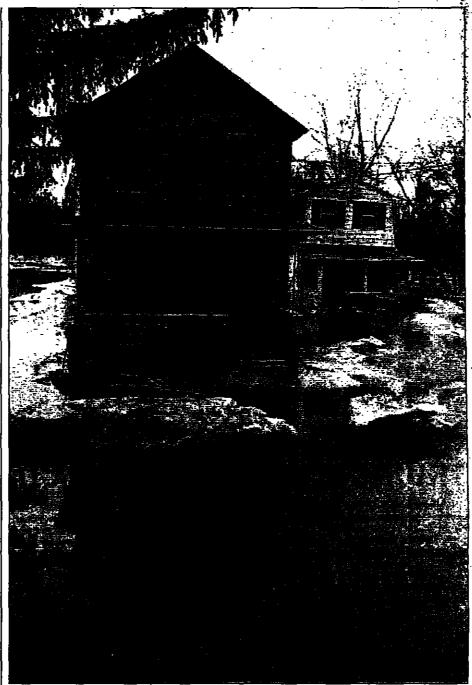
That is a powerful message in a country that loathes Washington, taxes and the Internal Revenue Service But other Republicans believe the is one of superficially attractive ideas that collapse on inspection. Most independent analyses

tax" would swell the deficit by about \$200 billion a year as Washington is struggling to clear mountains of debt left by the last experiment with supply-side economics, in the 1980s. Mr Forbes blames that debt on uncurbed spending and insists that the analyses underestimate the revenues America's explosive growth would generate.

"Flat tax" opponents also predict the Republicans would be electorally crucified for abolishing mortgage-tax relief - a move that would hit property prices — and for proposing, under Mr Forbes's plan, that multimillionaires living off inherited wealth would pay no tax while their servants paid 17 per cent.

The problem is this. A 17 per cent "flat tax" would not greatly help or hurt the middle classes, but if it was raised to prevent the deficit ballooning or permit popular deductions. ordinary Americans would be clobbered while the rich would still enjoy a windfall. Even at 17 per cent, Mr Forbes himself would save about

\$150,000 annually.
Conventional wisdom is that support for the "flat tax" will fade once voters understand what it really means, the old pro-growth, Reaganesque message of the 1980s still has far more resonance



Flooded houses in Plymouth, Pennsylvania, where an emergency was declared after a sudden thaw and heavy rain brought more misery to northeastern America

US floodwaters begin to freeze as cold returns

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

FLOODS caused massive in northeastern America after a freak thaw and summer-style rains washed away the recent heavy snow. Thirty-five people were killed, thousands were evacuated from their homes, cars were smashed and roads collapsed.

Residents of Pennsylvania and coastal areas from Rhode Island to Washington wondered what they had done to offend Mother Nature. An exhausted Samuel Jordan, the capital's Director of Emergencv Preparedeness, said, with a thin smile, that be was preparing for a plague of locusts. Rivers, swollen by a sudden

rise in temperature at the end of last week, rose by 10ft. The Ohio burst its banks, covering 95 per cent of the island of Wheeling, West Virginia. Great eastern waterways raced out of control, and the Potomac flooded Washington's chic Georgetown area. A state of emergency was declared in Pennsylvania, allowing federal funds to be used to house evacuees and buy supplies. Pittsburgh was hit by the worst floods for 20 years and Tom Ridge, the Governor, and his family had to move out of the gubernato-

escape the rising waters of the Mr Ridge, a Republican. sponse from federal agencies. "They should get off their Democrat behinds and come

rial mansion in Harrisburg to

people's faces," he said. The Red Cross opened 199 temporary shelters from New York to West Virginia. Flash floods raced down

mountain ravines, gathering speed as they went and causing havoc when they hit towns. In Cumberland, Maryland, every car on every lot of six dealerships was destroyed.

The trouble began with the heavy snowfalls in the northeast at the beginning of the month. A sudden rise in temperatures then brought a thaw and heavy rain, with storm drains blocked by ice and debris. By yesterday the cold was back, with some of the floodwaters reduced to slow-moving ice floes.

Jersey described wading to safety through "unbelievably cold" waters.

In New York state a road by a reservoir suddenly gave way, killing at least five people. Tim LaTourette, a volunteer fireman, could have been describing the entire region when he looked at the remains of the road and said: They didn't stand a chance." ☐ South Kingstown, Rhode Island: About 11,000 oil-coated lobsters and dozens of birds have been washed ashore here as oil spread from a leaking barge which ran aground off a wildlife refuge in a storm on Friday. A state clared and President Clinton promised federal disaster relief funds would be made

Republicans split in budget battle

IN WASHINGTON

THE Republican Party was riven yesterday by its latest strategy to relieve political gridlock in Washington when a congressional leader said there would be no extension on the American debt unless President Clinton offered substantial budget concessions to Capitol Hill

Richard Armey, the House majority leader and a close ally of the Speaker, Newt Gingrich, signalled that the Republicans may be willing to use the threat of the first national default in American history to force Mr Clinton to give more ground in the impasse over a balanced

House budget committee, had is not coming through the



Armey: knows where conservatives stand

said Republicans were willing to raise the limit on federal borrowing, Mr Armey dismissed the notion.

"John Kasich's willingness to vote for it to the contrary, it something that is a substantial share of our agenda of decreasing the size and intrusiveness of government," Mr Armey said. "We have a House that is committed to getting this job done."

His comments, which also contradicted assurances last week from Mr Gingrich, brought swift reaction from the White House, which believes that such a scheme will backfire on its Republican opponents. It demanded a disclaimer from the congressional leadership.

"I would, on behalf of the White House, call upon Speaker Gingrich and majority leader [Robert] Dole to immediately repudiate Mr Armey's remarks," Mike McCurry, the official spokesman, said. The remarks are dangerous, they jeopardise the ted States in the world." Mr Armey is known for his accurate reading of where the most conservative members of

Congress stand on any issue. They believe that any prolonged delay over raising the nation's borrowing would force the Treasury to find new techniques, including some the Clinton Administration has deemed less than legal, to raise cash to keep paying its bondholders. Options, such as making use of other government money, selling or leasing gold supplies or calling in more deposits held in commercial banks, present legal obstacles

By forcing such steps, the most conservative Republicans hope to gain political capital by convincing the public that the Treasury is manipulating public money.

Holbrooke in Cyprus peace move

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE United States is about to launch a top-priority diplomatic initiative to resolve the Cyprus problem. It will be led by Richard Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary of State and chief architect of the recent peace deal to end the war in

former Yugoslavia. Mr Holbrooke announced the peace initiative yesterday after discussing it with Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. He said he would begin discussions in earnest as soon as a new Government was formed in Ankara, a move expected by Turkish officials within the

next fortnight. Mr Holbrooke, who arrived in Jerusalem to be presented with a medal by the World Jewish Congress for his peacemaking efforts in Bosnia, disclosed that the Clinton Administration had been invited by: all parties to the Cyprus dispute to make the new attempt to find a solution. "We have decided that 1996

will be the year of Cyprus," Mr Holbrooke added, saying that the American-led peace mission would have secondary support from the European Union and the United Nations.

Cyprus has been divided since Turkish forces invaded the north of the island in 1974, leading to de facto partition and a ceasefire "green line" patrolled by United Nations troops. The fighting led to 200,000 Greek Cyriots leaving the north, with more than 1,600 still listed as missing. The Turkish Cypriots, a fifth

control nearly two-fifths of the island. The American move was

greeted with as much scepticism as hope in Cyprus. "We hope so, but realistically I doubt it." President Clerides. the Greek Cypriot leader, re-plied when asked if there would be a breakthrough this year. Rauf Denktas, the veteran Turkish Cypriot leader, said that Mr Holbrooke's mission could succeed only if he realised that Cyprus had

two owners. United Nations and EU officials welcomed Mr Holemphasised that the sheer force of one personality could not solve the problem. ☐ Athens: Greece's new Socialist Government was sworn

in yesterday, with Theodore

Pangalos as Foreign Minister

Uohn Carr writes). He has

been outspoken on all foreign

policy issues, including Tur-key, Cyprus and Macedonia.

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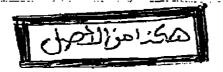
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Lack of water in atmosphere forces rethink on birth of solar system

Findings of Jupiter probe pose puzzle for Nasa scientists

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE fiery descent of Galileo's probe into the atmosphere of Jupiter has left astronomers with a puzzle over just how planets formed.

The first results from Galileo's probe, which plunged to its destruction in Jupiter's atmosphere on December 7, showed less water, helium and neon than astronomers expected. The lack of water clouds meant that the probe found only about a tenth as much lightning on Jupiter as on Earth.

The data were released yesterday by Nasa, the US space agency. It said that they provided a series of startling discoveries for the project's scientists.

The quality of the Galileo probe data exceeds all of our most optimistic predictions" Dr Wesley Huntress, Nasa's associate administrator for science, said. "It will allow the scientific community to develop valuable new insights into the formation and evolution of the solar system, the origins of life within it."

During its descent, the probe detected extremely strong winds and very intense turbulence, Dr Richard Young, project scientist at Nasa's Ames Research Centre,

"This provides evidence that the energy source driving much of Jupiter's distinctive circulation phenomena is probably heat escaping from

activities before and after the

murders of his former wife

In a move timed to distract

attention from the question-

and-answer session, Mr Simp-

son's lawyers told American

news organisations on Sun-

day that they had identified

the killer of Nicole Brown

Simpson and Ronald Gold-

man as Glen Rogers, a serial

murderer known as the Cross-

Country Killer, who was arrested recently after a na-

tionwide hunt. The Los Ange-

les police said that they are not

Mr Simpson was acquitted

of the double murder three-

and-a-half months ago, but

the victims' families have filed civil lawsuits, alleging

wrongful death" and claim

ing unspecified damages. The

families' lawyers will want to

know Mr Simpson's precise

movements on the evening of

June 12, 1994, and in particu-lar his whereabouts between

He did not give evidence at

his trial and his defence team

managed to avoid providing

an alibi for this crucial period.

The murders are thought to

have taken place between

In an attempt to prevent

media frenzy, no announce-

ment has been made about the

time or location of Mr Simp-

son's deposition, but sources

confirmed that it was due to

take place vesterday either in a

Santa Monica countroom or in

Television cameras have

been banned from all court

the rare step yesterday of

questions from Republican

lawyers' chambers.

10.15pm and 10.30pm.

9.30pm and Hpm.

taking the claim seriously.

and her friend.

the deep interior of the planet. The probe also discovered an intense new radiation belt, approximately 31,000 miles above Jupiter's cloud tops," he

Another surprise was the absence of the three-tiered cloud cover that most astronomers expected. This may be because the probe entered the atmosphere close to Jupiter's equator in an especially dry

Some evidence was seen of a thin upper layer of cloud, consisting of ammonia ice. Farther down, the probe found traces of what may be the second layer, probably consisting of ammonium hydrosulphide. But there was no evidence of any water clouds at all, and the temperature gradient was consistent with a lry atmosphere.

Scientists had expected to detect winds of up to 220mph. but they were even stronger, perhaps as great as 330mph. The winds remained fairly constant as the probe descended for 96 miles before cutting out. This suggests that the winds are not caused by heat released by water condensation, as they are on Earth.

Earlier observations had suggested water levels in the atmosphere of at least twice and perhaps ten times as high as on the Sun, but the probe measured levels very similar to those of the Sun. This may force some changes in the

OJ faces tough

questions on

wife's murder

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

existing theory of how planets

are formed.

The belief has been that they condensed from a huge cloud of dust and gas around the Sun. In Jupiter's case, the condensation process must have been very rapid to enable it to retain the lighter elements such as hydrogen and helium, which have largely been lost from Earth's atmosphere.

Rapid condensation was expected to be shown by much larger amounts of water in Jupiter's atmosphere than were in fact found. Helium levels were also lower, just half of what was expected.

The probe entered Jupiter's atmosphere at 106,000mph, and some early data were lost as the parachute failed to slow the probe down quickly enough. Transmissions ended 57 minutes after the probe first hit the planet's outer atmosphere. By this time, the probe was so deep into the atmosphere that the temperature had risen to more than 150C, and the pressure to 22 times that at the surface of the Earth.

As the probe descended, it

sent data to the Galileo orbiter, which recorded it and transmitted it back to Earth. The first transmission, before uracy. The relative lack of Christmas, contained some water molecules in the atmosphere puzzled astronomers most. "We'll have to look garbled information and some gaps, but a second transmission, between January 3 and again at models of how the is, filled most of the gaps. The solar system formed." Dr Steplan is to retransmit all the data again, to confirm acc-

that the water is somewhere else, in the rocky core of the planet or combined with something else in one of the

cloud layers." Professor Fred Taylor, of Oxford University, said until

now it had been assumed that

the Sun and Jupiter had the same composition. If so, there should have been as much water on Jupiter as there is oxygen on the Sun, because all Jupiter's oxygen would have combined with hydrogen to make water. Any deviation

were all subject to further analysis and refinement.

from that, he said, would send theories of planet formation back to the drawing board". Nasa scientists said these first observations should be interpreted cautiously, as they

WENG KEREE

Fear for 39 in missing helicopter

Colombo: A Sri Lanka Air Force helicopter carrying 39 people was reported missing and is feared to have been shot down by separatist Tamil guerrillas in the island's northern province yesterday (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The Russian-built helicopter was flying from Palali in the north to Vettilaikemi with three army officers, two navy officers, four crew and 30 soldiers. This would be the third aircraft lost by the air force since the Tamil Tigers broke off peace talks with the Government last April and resumed hostilities.

Jail van killings

Multan, Pakistan: Ten people were shot dead as a police van took prisoners to court near Hasilpur. The attack seemed aimed at six men accused in a murder case. They were among the dead. (AFP)

Gas confession

Tokyo: Seiichi Endo. a biochemist with the Aum Shinrikvo cult, has admitted that he helped to make the nerve gas which killed 11 people and injured thousands in the Tokyo subway last March. (AFP)

Rice plea snub

Tokyo: Japan's Foreign Ministry has snubbed North Korea's call for additional rice aid just days before an international meeting to co-ordinate an approach to a food crisis in the country. (AFP)

Bahrain arrest

Nicosia: Bahrain arrested the main Shia Muslim opposition leader in a night of unrest, with cars set alight and foreign compounds stoned. Britons were warned by the embassy to be careful. (AFP)

Cyclone strikes

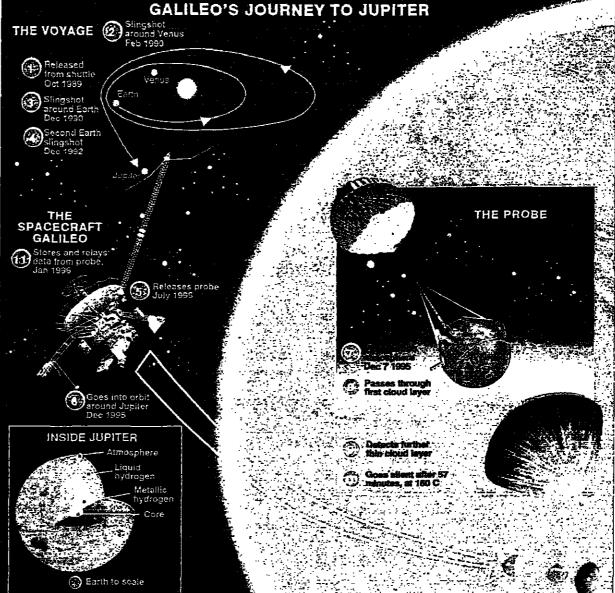
Antananarivo: Four people were killed, seven were missing and thousands were left homeless after Cyclone Bonita ripped through Madagascar, officials said, Agriculture is expected to be hard hit. (AFP)

Pilot blamed

Lagos: Aviation experts believe pilot error, not sabothat last week killed Ibrahim Abacha, 28, son of Nigeria's military ruler, a newspaper

Toys for boys

Gatineau, Quebec: More than 150 volunteers searched all night for two brothers, aged eight and six, before they were found safe: accidentally locked in a Toys-R-Us store after going there on their own. (AP)



Polls strengthen Arafat's grip on power

ven Miller, of University College London, said. "It may be

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM in the council rest on Hanan ile, the Palestinian National Council (PNC). Ashrawi, but she is widely regarded as Fatah-leaning Shimon Peres, the Israeli

ing teams in talks that paved the way for the peace accord Mr Arafat can expect opposition from Salah Taamari, a former colonel and Fatah of-

and was also a spokeswoman

for Mr Arafat's first negotiat-

a big majority in Bethlehem and is a critic of Mr Arafat. However the decision of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and the second most popular group

among Palestinians, not to field any official candidates ensured that Mr Arafat has no

Prime Minister, said he would allow the council to return to the new Palestinian self-rule areas so that a debate could take place aimed at altering those parts of the organisation's founding charter which call for the destruction His invitation has already

been rejected by some members of the PNC including George Habash, the head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Mr Peres has warned Mr Arafat that Israel will suspend peace talks with the PLO unless he can persuade his colleagues to amend the Palestinian charter.

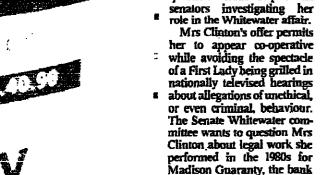


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proceedings in the case by AFTER flirting with the media and pleading with the public, Judge Alan Haber, although transcripts of Mr Simpson's O. J. Simpson at last was expected to answer lawyers' answers probably will be

Mr Simpson has made only one unscripted public statement since his acquittal, in a telephone call to Larry King, the CNN talkshow host. He offered no explanation for the blood and hair from the crime scene that was identified as his by DNA analysis, however.

A no-holds-barred interview arranged by the NBC network was cancelled in October, apparently on the advice of his lawyers. The video-tape of a staged interview, for which he was paid about \$3 million (£1.9 million), is now on sale.

Continuing the public relations offensive. Mr Simpson is to be interviewed tomorrow on Black Entertainment Television, a cable network.



Simpson: did not give evidence at his trial

the make-up of the body will be at least 55 per cent Fatah. Another 20 per cent or more of linked independents, ensuring official list. He was elected by Mr Arafat's monopoly over

offices may issue their own

statement about the results,

Meanwhile, the commission

last night released final results

for the first 88-member Pales-

tinian council, indicating that

power has been perpetuated

fuelling speculation that com-

plications had occurred.

Mr Arafat is assured of winning the ballot for the presidency by an overwhelming majority. However, the to be announced until later today because of what the Palestinian Central Election Commission said was a breakdown in communication" between the head office in Ramallah in the West Bank. and branch offices in Gaza.

THE results of the first Pales-

tinian election have confirmed

that the poll could be likened

to an internal ballot for Yassir

Arafat's Fatah grouping, the

main faction of the Palestine

Liberation Organisation.

An official of the commission denied last night that a recount of the vote in Gaza had delayed the final results for the presidential ballot. However he said the Gaza

by the elections. "It's a Fatah council. It's like an internal Fatah election," said a researcher for the Palestinian Jerusalem Media and Communication Centre.

Even many of those elected independents who had no links to Fatah belong to fac-tions of the PLO. Hopes for some sort of independent voice

real opposition in the council. The elections have set the stage for the return of the Palestinian parliament-in-ex-

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voice in new council

Rwanda refugees sent Colonial. back to Burundi Choose Arrange Organise Phone

FROM ASSOCIATED FRANCE-PRESSE IN BUJUMBURA

TANZANIA began requiring Rwandan refugees to cross the Ruvubu River back into Burundi yesterday. Relief officials said thousands of others remained stranded on the Burundian side of the border as night fell. They added that another 650 had returned to their largely burnt-out camp in Burundi.

Tanzania allowed a first wave of about 15,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees in northeastern Burundi to cross the border late last week after clashes near their Mugano camp. At the weekend, most of the approximately 17,000 refugees in the nearby Ntamba camp decided to follow them. but Tanzania closed the border again on Sunday. Hitoshi Mise, the senior representative in Burundi of

the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said that an unknown number of the Ntamba refugees had managed to cross the river. Yesterday, however, the Tanzanian troops sent between 500 and 1,000 of them back across the river in canoes, "No force was involved," he added. Andrei Kisselev, the delega-

Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said most of the rest of the Ntamba refugees were stranded in a valley on the Burundi side of the border. He added that the Tanzanian troops were preventing them from crossing the border. At the same time Burundian troops behind them were stopping their retreat farther back into

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Hillary Clinton offers written answers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

about the discovery of billing HILLARY CLINTON took records that suggested Mrs Clinton did more than the "minimal" work for Madison she claimed, and was at least peripherally involved in a fraudulent property transaction that hastened the bank's

collapse. A White House aide, Carolyn Huber, testified last week that last August someone left the long-subpoenaed records on a table in a room in the private quarters to which few people other than the Clintons had access. Mr and Mrs Clinton have both denied any knowledge of how the records

Alfonse D'Amato, the com-It also wants to question her mittee's chairman, said his

preparing written questions for Mrs Clinton, and she is not in a strong enough position to defy them. A Gallup poll last week gave Mrs Clinton a 51 per cent unfavourable rating, the first time in more than 30 years of polling that a majority of Americans have ever delivered such a verdict on their First Lady. It also showed 52 per cent believed she was ng over her role in both the Whitewater and "Travelgate" affairs, and 68 per cent believed she had probably acted

colleagues would soon be

illegally or unethically. David Kendall, the Clintons' lawyer, yesterday sent Mr D'Amato a letter noting

the committee has presented written questions and Mrs Clinton has responded. She is certainly willing to do so again in an effort to bring your inquiry to a conclusion." Submitting written questions to Mrs Clinton may also serve the committee's interests better. She is a formidable performer, but if the Republican senators questioned her

his intention to submit written

questions. "I invite you to

proceed," he said. "In the past

political harassment".

too aggressively, they could well face a public backlash. Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, has said that the committee's inquiry was "dangerously close ... to

Does your doctor really know best?

famous cure for back pain is that attributed to the Canadian. Daniel Palmer. Palmer want-ed to test his theory that misalignments of the spine lay at the root of many health problems. He persuaded his office janitor, who had been deaf for 17 years after injuring his back and neck, to let him manipulate his back.

Allegedly, there was a loud click and the man's hearing was restored. The year was 1395 and Palmer went on to found the technique of chiropractic, which now claims millions of adherents.

While there is much to be said for chiropractic as a treatment for back pain, sufferers expecting miracle cures are likely to be disappointed. Medical opinion on how to deal with the condition has undergone a revolution. The traditional treatment of extended bed rest, traction and manipulation under anaesthetic, is out. Instead, sufferers are now advised to swallow a couple of paracetamol, get some physical manipulation and, above all, keep moving.

Six out of ten people suffer back pain at some time in their lives and there has been a fivefold increase in the numbers seeking hospital treat-ment over the past decade. A great many have been misled by GPs who held 14 million consultations for the condition in 1993, but too often prescribed the wrong remedy. Others suffered at the hands of therapists falsely claiming to have a cure for the condition.

Back pain is the third most commonly reported symptom after headache and tiredness. It is slightly commoner in women, and tends to increase with age from the late teens to

the early fifties. The most comprehensive



Most people are being given completely the wrong treatment for back pain by their GPs. Jeremy Laurance reports

NEW IDEAS ON TREATMENT

back pain was carried out by the Clinical Standards Advisory Group, an expert body appointed by the Government to examine latest research.

The group consulted 23 professional organisations and held a conference attended by leading British back experts from the NHS, private medicine and alternative medicine. Guidelines based on the report are to be issued to all family doctors by the Royal College of

The report's findings were shocking. Many of the treatments rounnely used for back nain were ineffective and inanpropriate, it said. Some patients "appear to be more disabled after treatment than

More than 95 per cent of people with back pain have simple backache - a musculoskeletal disorder which can be self-treated, if necessary with advice from the GP. Most people recover spontaneously if they continue with their

normal activities. The worst advice is to lie in bed feeling sorry for yourself while waiting for a hospital appointment in a month's time.

The most important thing is to get treatment quickly. De-laying the start of treatment leads to chronic pain. The report says: "The classic mistake is to give patients painkillers and send them home for bed rest without explana-

Simple backache can be

very painful and often spreads to one or both hips and thighs. A GP will want to be sure that it is not nerve root pain, commonly caused by a slipped disc. or serious damage to the spine caused by disease or trauma, such as a fail.

Nerve root pain, also known as sciatica, is usually localised and commonly radiates into the foot or toes. It may be accompanied by numbness.

Treatment is the same as for simple backache but sufferers generally need more painkiliers and are more likely to need bed rest in the early stages, for up to one or two weeks. The same priority of getting mov-ing applies but progress is to be slower. Some people need surgery.

Where serious spinal problems are suspected, GPs should refer patients urgently

ne of the most striking findings in the report is the overordering of X-rays of the back. An X-ray of the lumbar spine delivers 120 times the dose of radiation of a chest X-ray, but at least half of them are judged by the Royal College of Radiologists to be unnecessary.

The biggest problem for back sufferers is getting access to treatment. Waiting lists for physiotherapy are commonly two to three months - too long for the treatment to be effective. Physiotherapists are mostly occupied treating patients with chronic pain which would not be chronic had they got treatment earlier. The Clinical Standards Advisory Group recommended switching resources to provide more help sooner, but the Government's response has been lukewarm. As a result, more than half of patients with back pain pay for physical therapy privately.



Speed is vital in seeking any treatment for backache — delay leads to chronic pain

The aim of treatment is to keep active

 Take a couple of paracetamol for the pain. up to four times a day, and some gentle exercises or manipulation if it persists more than a few days. Aspirin or anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, may also help. • Avoid taking to your bed. Resort to bed rest only if it is essential and then for a maximum of three days. Longer is harmful.

• Exercise will ease the pain and speed recovery. The earlier it is begun the quicker the recovery. Walking, cycling and swimming improve fitness with minimal stress. • After the first two weeks, strengthening

muscles may be gradually increased. · Physical manipulation can help some, but

only as a means to get them moving again. not as a cure in itself. Manipulation under general anaesthetic should be avoided. Most patients should be able to return to

work in six weeks

 Chronic back pain is often accompanied by psychological problems, which develop as a result of pain and failed treatment. Patients who have not returned to work after

From cystitis to cancer - diseases that back pain can mask

WHAT DOCTORS SHOULD LOOK FOR

ix months ago a 75-yeara man wno naa been in excellent health noticed two changes: he had some slight abdominal pain. which radiated through to his back to such an extent that the back pain was its most noticeable feature, and the one he complained of; and he had a remarkable and unexplained total loss of appetite and therefore of weight. Ultrasound examination showed that he had cancer of the pancreas which had already spread to his liver.

Although, fortunately, most backache is the result of either fair wear and tear or excessive strain, it is a mistake to dismiss it without considering other reasons.

Posterior wall disease of the gastrointestinal tract is also felt in the back: chronic ulcerations of the oesophagus. stomach and duodenum can



Special report by Dr Thomas Stuttaford

cause pain felt between the shoulder blades; and inflammation of the colon causes low backache. Backache is a frequent symptom noticed by patients with inflammatory bowel disease, whether ulcerauve colitis or Crohn's disease. and a great many more people experience it from developing inflamed guts when eating iniudiciously abroad, or after taking in too much alcohol.

Pain from the kidney is felt between the ribs and the spine. The pain varies from a dull persistent ache, which can be characteristic of a large renal stone or cancer of the kidney. to the acute pain experienced when suffering from an infection in the kidney. At other times an intermittent colicky pain may be associated with smaller renal stones.

Tumours from other parts of the body frequently spread to the spine. Those most commonly encountered include cancer of the breast. prostate, thyroid and lung. Less often the pain may be related to primary tumours of the spine or myeloma.

Any disease of the spinal nerves can cause pain. These may be benign but trouble some, like herpes simplex or shingles, or may stem from tumours of the nerves. Not all



Backache in women can often indicate pelvic disease

these tumours are malignant: some, such as the comparacommon neurofibromas, can usually be removed without leaving any residual damage. Tuberculosis, or other infections of the bone, can

infect the spine. Aneurysms of the aorta, a balloon-like swelling of the principal artery leading from the heart, can cause severe backache. The diagnosis, although made easier by the introduction of ultrasound, is often missed.

In women backache is often result of a period or

which is associated with ovulation in the mid-cycle, but it is also a frequent feature of disease, cystitis or endometriosis. Any pelvic tumour, including cancer of the cervix. ovary or uterus, can cause low backache, and in men cancer of the prostate is possible.

Slipped disc

JUST before Christmas, disaster overtook one of my patients. George is a busy but sedentary City worker, who drives to Herefordshire on Friday evenings. Already tired by a long week, he sat in a comparatively cramped fixed position in his car

coping with the weekend rush hour. At his destination he lifted out his luggage, heavy with books and papers.

Next morning when he lent forward to shave he suffered an agenising pain in his back. and had to be helped back to bed. He had suffered a prolapsed disc which often follows heavy straining, particularly if combined with In the past George would have been prescribed power-

ful painkillers with weeks, or even months, of rest. But several large research projects have shown that patients get better faster if they grin and bear the pain and continue to hobble around as they carry out their normal duties. (If at any time pressure on the nerves interferes with passing urine, bowel activities, potency, or causes muscle weakness and a dragging foot, an immediate specialist opinion is

called for.) If the disc pain persists, as it did with George, a compara-tively minor operation, microdiscectomy, is used to shave away that small part of the which is causing the trouble. This has been made possible by the MRI scan, which enables the surgeon to

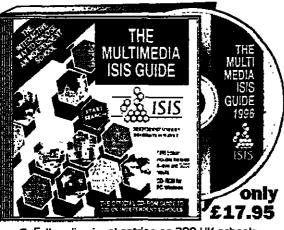
disc is protruding. The incision is small and the patient needs only two or three nights playing football with the children again within three weeks.

Although more than 90 per cent of disc prolapses affect the lower back they can occur anywhere in the spine, and the neck is also particularly vulnerable. They are most common between the ages of 30 and 40. In youth the outer disc is more resilient, and in older age the tissues around the spine become increasingly fibrous so that the discs are to some extent strengthened by being splinted into position.

Disc lesions are more common in men, but only because they tend to undertake more heavy manual tasks. Young mothers who stoop to lift their toddlers, rather than bending at the knees before they hoist them aloft, are also regular victims, particularly if they are

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The great leveller

B ackache is the most prosaic of pains, the most widespread, the least glamorous - and vet it holds a strong grip on national attention partly because of the famous people it regu-

larly puts out of action. England's cricket hopes have been dashed in the past by back injuries to lan Botham. Geoff Boycott. Derek Pringle and Graeme Hick: and now Mike Atherton's back trouble has flared up again. Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe were forced out of tennis by bad oacks, and Linford Christie's spinal health has kept his fans

on tenterhooks for years. Pop stars Simon Le Bon. Kim Wilde and Gary Glitter have all suffered; while the silly walks of John Cleese have also taken their toll.

The Duke of Edinburgh's trouble initiated his switch from polo to carriage racing. and the Princess of Wales, like Elizabeth Taylor, has benefited from chiropractic. The Prince of Wales has admitted that a bad back means he has to kneel to do the gardening. Stefan Buczacki, presenter of Classic FM's Gardening

Forum, says the problem for Britain's gardeners is that our forks and spades are too short. "I get back pain, like most gardeners." he says. "It is an occupational hazard. After a day's digging my back is so bad I can hardly get out of

FAMOUS SUFFERERS

bed. Think how many gardening hours are lost each day in

Richard Briers, the actor. has certainly lost a few. Re-turning from a tour last year he found his runner-beans in need of urgent rescue. "All the digging gave me what is laughingly called an embar-rassed disc." he says. "I had to go to the osteopath at £20 a

Bill Oddie "did" his back reaching down to clean out his garden pond and the problem recurred during such trenuous activities as inserting his contact lenses. "I read about a local chiropractor so have been going from the start," he says. "It has always worked for me I limp in and walk out."

The writer and critic Al Alvarez was a rock-climber and regular squash player until the age of 55, when lumbar spasms forced him to stop. "Writing is a boring. sedentary occupation," he says. "And slouching at a poker table for hours doesn't help. But back pain is not demographically limited. Doctors are no use, but I do know a genius osteopath... i

walk in like the Hunchback of

Notre Dame and come out

like Baryshnikov.

GILES COREN

Injections may be needed

MANY BACK problems respond to manipulation but it could be harmful if the joints are inflamed. In this case injections may help. Most injections are a combination of steroids. which reduce inflammation. and anaesthetics.

which kill pain. An epidural injection is made into the space between the bony walls of the spinal canal and the outer sheath of the spinal cord (the dura). It numbs the lining of the spinal cord. giving more or less instant relief. Some people need just one injection while others need repeats at

monthly intervals. Nerve blocks are injected

troublesome nerve, where it emerges from the spinal cord. As with epidurals, the effect varies - some sufferers need repeat injections while others find a single

treatment does the trick. Sclerosant therapy involves injecting the back ligaments with an irritant which stimulates them to produce new fibrous tissue. It is used for people who have damaged vertebrae which grate on one another. Several injections are needed, usually at weekly intervals. The results, again variable, are felt after about cight weeks.

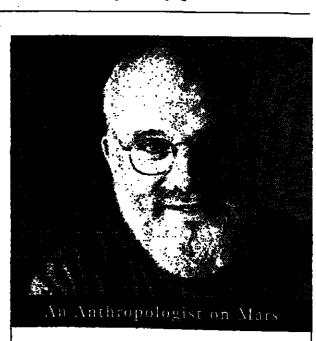
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Harriet Harman is under siege for sending her son to a grammar school. She deserves more respect, says Mary Ann Sieghart

all her working life trying to make the careers of motherhood and politics compatible. She has suffered the usual tensions of combining the two: the guilt, the broken nights, the twin pulls of duty. But not until this week, with her decision to send her son Joe to a grammar school, have the two come into such open and

painful conflict. Ms Harman feels that, above all else, she is a mother and is therefore determined to do the right thing by her children. Her view is that if politics make it impossible for mothers to be mothers as well as MPs, then there is something wrong with politics. And she has fought tenaciously often against strong opposition from within her own party — for the culture of politics to change so that it can more easily accommo-

date her half of the population. Labour activists may be furious with her actions. But parents all over the country will sympathise with her plight. Already she has been criticised, along with Tony Blair, for sending her elder son.

Why Harriet decided to put motherhood first

Oratory. She could have taken the slightly easier decision to send Joe there too. But the two boys have different characters. The strict regime of the Oratory would not have suited Joe as well as the more liberal (though highly academic)

oreover, Joe himself passionately wanted to go to ¥ ▲ St Olave's. A third of his classmates sat the exam and two out of his three best friends are set to go there. He looked around half a dozen schools but set his heart on St Olave's when he saw a whole room full of boys playing chess. How could his parents have said to him: "We know the school is ideal for you. We know you want to go there. We know that two of your best friends are going. But you can't because of our politics."? Yesterday, while Ms Harman's

home looking after their other two flu-bound children, the telephone rang constantly with messages of support from fellow MPs. They sympathised with his dilemma: some had moved house to be near good schools, others had taken a deep breath and sent their children to grant-maintained schools. Not all were "modernisers" - but all were parents.

Ms Harman will undoubtedly suffer for her choice. Her position on Labour's national executive committee will become fragile. And she may well be voted off the Shadow Cabinet too. But she would not have been able to live with herself had she compromised her son's one chance of a good education for the sake of her career. This was the ultimate selfless mother's act.

Inner-London state secondary schools are notoriously bad compared with those in the rest of the husband, Jack Dromey, was at country. This poses a painful



Harriet Harman: tenacious

dilemma for female Labour MPs. Those who have a family tend to have London seats - otherwise they would never see their children. But the choice of schools is

abysmal.

Ms Harman herself went to an excellent private school: St Paul's.

But her husband went to a tough urban primary and passed his eleven-plus to a Catholic grammar school. Neither is in favour of a nationwide division of schools into grammars and secondary moderns. They are. however, in favour of allowing their children a say in their own education.

The Harman-Dromey household is a very child-centred one. Paintings by the children cover the walls. Their parents have been determined to try to keep their children out of the limelight. They have disdained family photocalls since the children have been old enough to understand what was happening. When Mr Dromey was running for election for the top job at the Transport and General Workers' Union, he refused to allow newspapers to photograph him with his children.

That is why both parents were particularly upset at the hounding of Joe by photographers yesterday. As he left home with his father to go to school, he was besieged, and finally ran into a fence trying to escape a snapper careering towards him. Ms Harman complained to the Press Complaints Commission, but the flu-ridden house, with curtains drawn, was still surrounded well into the afternoon.

Ms Harman, meanwhile, was off to discover her fate in the House. Determined not to resign, she nevertheless felt under tremendous pressure. This is not her first political setback: two years ago. she was voted off the Shadow Cabinet in a chauvinist plot against the reservation of places for women. John Smith, however. gave her a job regardless, to the fury of many colleagues.

To exacerbate the hostility from

other MPs, her life so far has been easier than most of theirs. The daughter of a Harley Street con-sultant and niece of Lord Longford, she had a good private education and worked for the National Council for Civil Liber-ties before entering Parliament. Her marriage to Mr Dromey is, in class terms, an unlikely one. But he is proud and supportive of her and, despite his own career ambitions, they have reached a working arrangement that enables the children to thrive, through a process of what he describes as "military organisation". He may not be enough of a new man to get up for them in the night: but they do, in compensation, bear her

ow she will have to face the wrath of Labour activ-ists and not a few MPs. Mr Blair is likely to back her: she advised him of her decision before it became public, and he considers it to be a personal matter. He is well aware of the support she has won from thousands of working mothers who see their own problems reflected in her. If Harriet Harman is forced to resign her job for being a good mother, they may

Bringing celebrity to book



even a bad novel by a famous fashion model or a New York socialite will outsell a work of literary genius. Joe Joseph wonders why

novelists because we know just how hard it is to write a successful piece of fiction without a sharp ear for words, a good plot — and plenty of international catwalk experience, like Naomi Campbell. At the very least it helps to have your own parliamentary constituency. like Edwina Currie.

'Campbell

and Trump

couldn't

even write

a shopping

list'

Currie next week publishes her second parliamentary "bonk-buster". A Woman's Place. Sara Keays, Cecil Parkinson's former mistress, will soon let us read her debut novel, A Black Book. Currie Parliament and the appalling treatand Keays are the latest in a ment of women there."

equation on its head. In olden days, people who didn't know any better wrote novels which, if they were consistently good, made their authors famous: this was the fuddy-duddy route trudged by Greene and Hemingway and Dickens. Now you become famous first and then write a novel. Or, better, get someone else to write it for you.

Over the past couple of years we have seen novels from such well-known women of letters as Naomi Campbell, Ivana Trump, Britt Ekland and the former model Jilly Johnson. Even Willie Shoemaker, the American jockey, has published a ghost-written racecourse thriller called Stalking Horse. Some publishers are now suggesting that the Duchess of York's surest way of clearing her debts would be to write a really salty blockbuster about life inside

the palace. Why? If Peter Ackroyd isn't running for Parliament, and Anita Brookner isn't modelling Versace's spring collection, why do MPs, fashion models and penniless royals feel they should write novels? Even François Mitterrand, we hear, ached to write a novel - just as

Napoleon had before him. At least Currie writes her own books. And she is proving to be making a good stab - and a good living - at it. Her new novel does not stray very far from the territory Publishers have discovered that

explored in her first, A Parliamentary Affair, which has sold an impressive 350,000 copies in Britain and the Commonwealth. A Woman's Place revolves around homophobic MPs who are exposed as being secretly gay while Elaine Stalker, MP, is abducted by a sexually-fixated care-in-the-community patient.

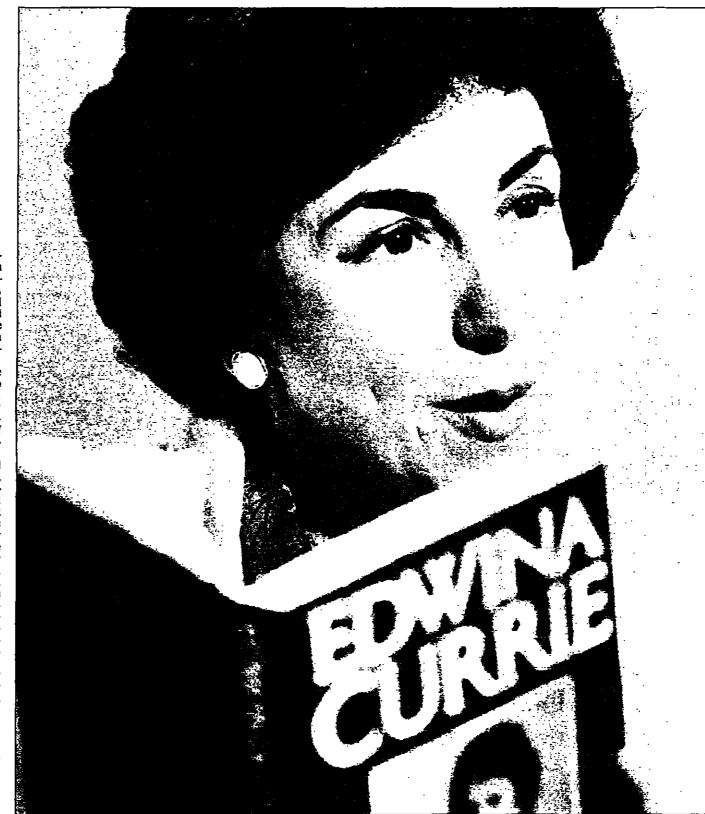
"Underneath the sex and the humour, the novel is intended to have a serious theme," says Currie, who makes sure she is never knowingly undersold. "It is designed to expose the decline of

have turned the traditional literary Trump are rather more audacious.

in that both acknowledge that they provided little more than the gist of the literary efforts that appeared under their names. These are women who probably couldn't even produce a complete shopping list. Campbell's Swan was written with the "collaboration" of Caroline Upcher, an in-house prose doctor at Campbell's publisher, Heine-

mann. And when Trump decided there was life after Donald she published For Love Alone - the tale of Katrina, a former Czech model who marries a New York property tycoon, rides the 1980s social whirl and divorces after he falls for a strumpet. It was largely written by Camille Marchetta, a one-time scriptwriter for Dallas and Dynasty, though Trump did frame the plot and hand Marchetta a tape recording of some of her thoughts.

Both these books mark an amazing breakthrough in the world of letters: all you now need to become a successful novelist is literary ambition, and someone to fulfil it for you. The ghost-writer probably gets paid a large fee, plus maybe an extra £5,000 for not laughing right down the phone when Campbell's agency calls up and says Naomi has decided that, what with it being a rainy Sunday afternoon, and her having a couple of hours to kill, she thought she'd write a novel - that is, if Ms Upcher is feeling up to it.



Fame is the spur: unlike some celebrity novelists, at least Edwina Currie writes her own books - and is making a good living at it

If you're wondering why, in view of my feelings, I still spend £10 on Trump's or Campbell's book, I'm not that stupid. I'm much more stupid than that. I bribe someone an extra fiver to go and buy the book for me because I'm too embarrassed to go into Waterstone's and buy it myself. It is this shameless nosiness that has made publishers realise that a bad novel by a famous fashion model will outsell a work of genius. Why

should anyone care that Swan would only be recognisable as a novel if studied from a great distance?

The celebrity novelist comes into her own on the publicity circuit. If Trump is not a born writer, she is a born publicist. "It's a vunderful. vunderful book," she gushed in one interview. "To my surprise I find I have a great imagination." Others have, too, Joan Collins has penned a novel, Prime Time. So

Bygraves has tried to get his idea for a novel published and Tom Jones can't interest anyone in his "fictional" tale of a Welsh lad who becomes a famous singer. We wouldn't stomach Ivana

has Mandy Rice-Davis, The Scar-

let Thread. Martina Navratilova

and William Shamer as well. Max

Trump singing Cosi Fan Tutti at Covent Garden. If Martina Navratilova decided she'd like to run the British Museum, we'd tell

her to think again. But we not only let these people write novels, we buy them. Novels have become the first refuge of celebrities looking for cash or a second flush of fame. "I don't say I'm the Shakespeare." Trump told Vanity Fair, "but it's not just about the beautiful people and the gorgeous yachts and the fabulous homes and lots of sex. I tried to put in more the feelings."
Well... Ms Marchetta did.

Nigella Lawson is on holiday

When girls fall out

Te all know that compared with men, women are with men, women saner, nicer, often brighter, make better parents, and always react more thoughtfully when annoyed. This is because men are short-tempered and impetuous, while women know that reacting like fat in a fire is plain foolish. Smart women count to ten before snapping, because this gives enough time to compose the sort of really inventive abuse that doesn't come on the spur of the moment.

The Princess of Wales and her sons' nanny, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, are the latest two women to show us that, as a spectator sport, catfighting between women is more bruising than anything Mike Tyson could deliver at his peak. When girls fall out, they don't

settle the matter once and for all the way sensible grown men do. by, say, shooting each other. Feud-ing women bitch behind backs, leave sizzling messages on answering machines, and cast innuendos that men find anatomically perplexing. Men blackball enemies from their club, women call their lawyers. That's what Ms Legge-Bourke has done to clear her name, which she says Princess to-be-revealed way.

ibel lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck, acting on behalf of Prince Charles's personal assistant, has written to the Princess of Wales's lawyers demanding a retraction of "false allegations"

about Tiggy.
But what was it that Di hissed at 30-year-old Tiggy at the staff Christmas party that Diana and Charles hosted a month ago at London's Lanesborough Hotel?

It certainly wasn't "Look sharp Tiggy, all Wills's socks were mismatched the last time he came to visit me." Can't have been: "You're such a super skier. Tiggy, that I just don't know how you summon the energy for such an exhausting life." Or even the deadly: "You must meet my sister-in-law, Fergie. You're so similar that I'm certain you'd get on like a house on fire."

Last year's spat between the sisterly feminists Germaine Greer and Suzanne Moore of The Guardian was a revelation to many men who hadn't known that Ms Moore shows "three fat inches of deavage, or that she wears shoes capable of having intercourse, until Ms Greer pointed this

But women have always been bitches, even about the opposite sex. When Noël Coward told Dorothy Parker: "You almost look like a man," Parker spat straight back: "So do you." Compared with W.C. Fields's description of Mae West as "a plumber's idea of Cleopatra" it's almost a com-

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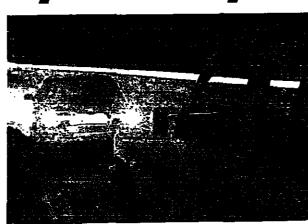
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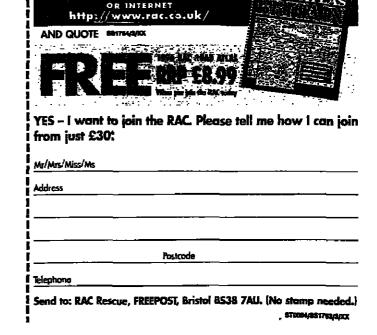
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spreading like an epidemic. The factories are shuttered by greedy

bankers, and their idle workers roam the world aimlessly, contemplating

suicide. Those who cannot face death vent their anger through drugs or

violence. The Government is a cock-

pit of lechery and corruption. Mean-

Thild prostitutes swarm the streets. The poor are dying of

malnutrition and illiteracy is

Last chance for Forte and the City

William Rees-Mogg warns

against Granada's bid out of hell

The Granada-Forte offer is a bid out of hell, one of those bids which damage all those who have any part in them, except for some of the people who get the big fees. Already the costs are astronomical. Granada admits to costs of more than £100 million: Forte's can hardly be less than £50 million, which Granada shareholders would

have to pay. Granada, if successful, will have restructuring costs which have been estimated at another £300 million and will be selling £2 billion of assets. again incurring fees which are hardly likely to be less than £40 million. Then there is tax. I do not believe for a moment that the Inland Revenue will allow any avoidance of the capital gains tax on disposals. which should come to £400 million. That adds up to about £900 million of actual or potential costs — getting on for a third of the value of Forte as a whole before the bid. If one allows that Granada will be a forced seller of whatever it does sell, this bid could easily cost its shareholders £1 billion, on top of the risks of a colossal debt. This is not good

Granada, What will the bid do for Forte? If Granada wins, it will dismember Britain's only big international hotel company, which at present owns some of the best hotels in the world, and runs them very well. It

I cannot remember when the City was in worse shape

will break up the staff and the management. It one has only a speculative is not fashionable in Britain logic. That is exactly what nowadays to build businesses rather than buy them; this bid is not going to encourage it.

That should do nicely for Forte. What will the bid do for the shareholders? Collectively

they have owned two companies with excellent prospects. If Granada wins, they will then own one badly overborrowed conglomerate with dubious prospects. The management will be absorbed in trying to repay the new debts. Consider the difficult osition of Mercury Management. It holds about 15 per cent of both companies m the pension funds that it presently advises. After the bid, if it succeeds, these pension funds will still own approximately the same underlying assets, less their share of Granada's lost El billion. Whatever the paper profit might be, the pension funds will have £150 million less in underlying assets.

That is not the sort of investment management that Siegmund Warburg would have approved of, nor is there any reason why the pension funds should be pleased with it. In any case, Mercury Asset Management, if it accepted the offer, would be criticised as the firm that decided the battle. and got it wrong. To take on the responsibility of restructuring British industry without being qualified to do so must be bad business. The number of executives of Mercury Asset Management with senior management experience in the world outside finance is quite small

Bad for Granada, bad for

Anderson, is not a man to pull

punches when crushing insuits are

needed. Yet look below the

rancour and you will find a

sensitive soul. He is mortified by

the suggestion that he laughs at

A letter he received from one

Robert Schuettinger, an Oxford

don who worked for the Pentagon

in the Reagan era, harbours the

recollection that Anderson "always

laughed loudest at any humorous

reference to Mr Major". The

suggestion, offered for publication

in The Spectator where Anderson

is a columnist, is strenuously

denied - and he replied to that

a black lie: it is a slanderous black

lie, in that it accuses me of

hypocrisy," he wrote. "I suspect

that you had assistants who helped

you . . . But you should beware: the

letter was offered under your

name. Even a crushed catspaw can

"I am writing to warn you," he

goes on, "if you ever repeat your

slander . . . I will, without warning,

send in my learned friends. They

This is a black lie. Not only is it

effect immediately.

suffer acute pain.

jokes about John Major.

Forte, bad for Mercury Asset Management, but also bad for the City as a whole. I hate to see the City repeating its past mistakes, including all the foolishnesses of rash bids, bid debts and short-term banking. That always ends in trouble, and it will again.

Of course, we have a pathetically weak City at the moment, after a badly botched recession, with a poorly led Bank of England, a disastrous Lloyd's, and most of our biggest merchant banks bust or sold. I cannot remember a time when the City seemed in worse shape in terms of its own management record. It is preposterous for the executives of such a City to be restructuring the rest of British industry; their own current record does not begin to qualify them to do

the job.

The Government is not likely to be pleased; indeed it will lose out as well. The whole Granada scheme turns on a massive implausible proposal for tax avoidance, equal in value to 10 per cent of the total bid. The Treasury cannot possibly allow that to succeed, but the Government can still be embarrassed by its impertinence. It can also be embarras-That should do nicely for sed by the gratuitous demon-

stration that private enterorise in the modern City actually does mean shortterm speculation. greedy fees, and in-dustrial restructuring by non-industrial fund managers. Many takeovers do make good industrial sense, but this

socialists have criticised the City for over the years; we did not need to have it demonstrated, or to have Granada throw away £1 billion. Destroy a good company, create a bad one, put in a bill for a few hundred million pounds, and then try to avoid the tax — that is modern City statesmanship.

urthermore, the Government will probably lose some money some money on the deal. Granada still thinks it can avoid the capital gains tax. That will not happen. But there is another tax scheme in the special dividend proposal, which might well cost the taxpayer £40 million. If the City had any wisdom, and at present it has very little, the idea of making bids in tax avoidance form would be rejected instantly. When loopholes are closed, there is always a tax cost to genuine business. The City will pay for the Granada bid in higher

taxes and in more regulations.
Probably the institutions are going to accept this bid today. They will get what they deserve. They will get the overleveraged conglomerate which Granada has decided to be. They will destroy one of Britain's major international companies. They will lose a big share of £1 billion for their investors. They will invite new and damaging scrutiny of the way that they manage funds. They will bring further dis-credit on the City. The trouble is that when people are very short-sighted, very stupid and very greedy, there is no way of saving them from themselves.

Anderson was sanguine yester-

day. "If there is a topic on which I

have a sense of humour failure, it's

John Major," he said. "The letter

suggests that I gibe at him behind his back while supporting him in

public. It makes me appear a hypo-

crite." Frank Johnson, The Specta-

tor's Editor, backs him up: "Bruce

is about the only person in Britain

who would not laugh at a joke

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about John Major."

Not joking

JOHN MAJOR'S burly biogra- will hack punitive damages out of

pher, muse and supporter, Bruce your hide."



Give the Yorks a break

am too old and dignified for bunger-jumping, too law-abid-ing to parachute off the Hilton; and Suffolk lacks any local facilities for wing-walking or crocodilewrestling. But one can still live dangerously. Today, alone and without a safety-net or body armour, I propose to say a few words in defence

of HRH the Duchess of York. This perilously dissident course of action has been forced on me by the fact that in all the torrent of words about her this past week there has been no serious attempt to say a kind one or even a fair one. In these dull, broke grey days after Christmas, the nation has warmed itself gladly at the flames of her burning.

The Palace seemed to give permission for this when it distanced itself from her in a swift and not over-polite statement. The Duchess appears to believe that the original story about her debts also came from the Palace, or at the very least from those embarrassingly loyal "friends" it suffers from and who heartily wish her to be cut off from it legally and forever. Certainly it seems odd that the story of the overdraft, and the suggestion that she expected the ueen to pay, should have broken while the Duchess was actually involved in signing commercial deals to solve the whole mess. Someone must have wanted her to look bad, must they not? "Entrepreneurial Duchess solves debt problem with E3m deal" is not such a tasty story as "Selfish spendthrift Duchess in debt, expects Our Gracious Queen to bail

Whatever chalk-striped Iago gave the first murmur, the debt revelation has been followed by a frenzy of insult - not even innuendo, nothing so subtle. The easy opinion is that the Duchess of York is a goodtime giri, a glutton, a waster, a blatant adulteress, mercenary selfpublicist, lousy writer and bad dresser. As Lord Charteris is quoted as having said, "vulgar, vulgar, vulgar, vulgar." She was accused of wanting to be a queen not of our hearts but our wallets: of being Freebie Fergie, letting down the frugal Oueen. (Never mind that the whole history of royalty is a history of grabbing and excess, or that even in this century Queen Mary was famous for soliciting expensive gifts from her hosts' side-tables, so that they had to hide the best stuff when she visited. Fergie at least wrote the books before taking the money.)

The hounding of the Duchess is intended to force another divorce

Some of the accusations are justified, but others are wild extrapolation, encouraged by the fact that she takes the sunny view of publicity and rarely shows any hostility towards the media in return. But everything she does is flung back at her as a weapon. When the re-porters shouted "Are you on the breadline?" she tried a joke: "I don't eat bread!"; the ghost of Marie Antoinette was called up (a mistake, since decent historians agree that Marie Antoinette never said it, and was in fact much inclined towards welfare and reform). In one Sunday

paper even an account of the Duchess tending her little girls on the plane to America was interpreted as a "Diana-style" manipulative exercise in playing at mothers. Presumably the KRUMANSI SUSDECTED that the moment

she is in private the Duchess cuffs and swears at her daughters while swigging from a big black bottle labelled GIN.

nd it never stops: the pack of mercenary media psychiatrists is called in to rake over her childhood (why are these people not struck off for giving opinions on patients they have not met?): journalists who haven't paid for a holiday in years unite to condemn her profligacy; newspapers which spend most of their time attacking single mothers on benefit suddenly find tear-jerking things to quote from deserving ones who would love to have a fraction of Fergie's allowance; and from Lord Dacre to Lord Deedes to Sir John Junor ("the sooner the Royal Family is shot of her the better"); the grandees shake their silver heads. Dreadful woman. She has to go. They give her no credit for her good-humour, nor for her charity work or the fact that she scrupulously pays her own fares to it (though tellingly, an airline source observed that while she has the honesty to book first-class, the other royals book Club

and "expect to be upgraded"). Critics

see her awkward, bouncing tactlessness, but not the underlying honesty

Nor do they register that the hostile whispers do not come from "friends" of her husband. This is not another Charles-and-Di case, a sharring public battle. The York children are not publicity pawns like their unfortu-nate cousins. All we know about Beatrice and Eugenie is that they are two little girls in hair-ribbons. It has probably helped that whenever the paparazzi do catch them on a school run, they are too busy snapping

Fergie's latest pair of riotous leggings to pester the children. The princesses may have suffered the mild exploitation of being photo-graphed in Hello! nagazine to boost their mother's finances, but at least they do not get dressed up in or posing sets of

clothes, tweed versus baseball-caps, for cynical photo-opportunities by warring parents. Nor do they have their intimate sadnesses paraded by the kind of mother who goes on Panorama and relates little personal stories about how her boy gave her a box of chocolates "because you've been hurt, Mummy". Though fifth and sixth in line to the Throne, these princesses lives are surprisingly private. Even the holidaymaking could be interpreted as protection for them: if the world's press is after you. it makes sense to choose a Thai beach rather than a cheap Spanish one.

Moreover, the Yorks have done their children a favour by continuing, throughout their separation, to meet. talk, dine publicly together and share Christmas morning. The Duke of York - even in the darkest period, the Johnny Bryan interlude - has never sanctioned any criticism of his wife; nor has she used any of her rackety media appearances to badmouthe him. They have done the hardest and most civilised of things,

and stayed friends. This says a great deal for the courage and understanding of the Duke of York, these days a modest

and diligent naval officer. But it also

says something for his wife. How many couples could weather the chaotic tackiness, the mistakes, the public humiliation of the past few years with so little apparent bitter-ness? There is, if we could only see it, an example here, and one which is

ironically topical. For Parliament is about to discuss the divorce law reform Bill, and many noises will be made by statesmen and churchmen about the need for time and effort to "bring mar-riages back from the brink".

he great and the good some of them the very ones who hate the Duchess - say that we must at all costs discourage any idea that the marriage contract is something to be thrown aside at the first difficulty, or even the second or third adultery. There must, they say, be mediation and long periods of reflection. And all the time, here in front of our eyes are a couple who for three years have carried on talking. It is rumoured that they were seriously discussing a full reconcilia-tion just before last week's blaze of hostile publicity. The Duchess is said to believe that the two things are not her out of the Royal Family have started this rumpus on purpose to bounce the Queen into demanding another divorce. We are free to believe that or

not. On balance, I think I do. This is not a fan letter to the Duchess of York. She has in many respects been a fool, she has not played the mental-illness card, but I suspect that she may have been at one stage more than a little disturbed in her judgment, and a prey to disas-trous impulses and influences. But there is some credit due to her, and she does not get it.

She never has. Look back through the archives and you see that long before she did anything wrong, this royal bride alienated a certain very British, very repressive and repressed temperament which is heaviy present in both media and Estabhment. Her offence was not what she did but what she was: noisy and exuberant, informal and tactless. buxom and vital. I am afraid that the offended people - alas, not all of them men - prefer their young women to be pale, sad, shy, starveling victims. Which is why the Princess of Wales will always have defenders whatever she does; and why the Duchess of York, whatever

she does, will not.

while the top-hatted "gentlemen capitalists" who have sucked the lifeblood from society plot to sell the country to foreigners.

Is this Weimar Germany before Hitler? Or the Philippines under Marcosour country? Doesn't this description remind you of Purley High Sreet on a Saturday afternoon? I admit I have exaggerated a little. The book from which I have pieced together this account of today's Britain does not actually say that the "gentlemen capitalists" wear top hats. But everything else — including the reference to "the ugly growth of

child prostitution" — is straight from

the most important and successful book on British politics since 1979. The State We're In by Will Hutton has sold 50,000 copies in hardback and has now soared to the top of the paperback bestseller lists. The latest surge in sales is hardly surprising. since the book offers the only detailed account of the "big idea" espoused by the man who will almost certainly run the next British government. But Hutton's book, the locus classicus of Tony Blair's "stakeholder capital-ism", deserves an even bigger market, which I suspect it has not yet tapped. Indeed, if Tory Central Office had any sense, it would be buying millions of copies to send to wavering voters. For if Hutton's book reveals what Tony Blair really means by a stakeholder's Britain, it should be

oderate voters with a knowledge of economics A and finance will, I think, be shocked at how detailed and revolutionary is the blueprint of "stakebolding". Government direction of bank lending, compulsory worker directors on company boards, full employment rights for casual workers, rationing of mortgage lending, average tax rates of 50 per cent for the rich, renationalisation of pensions, and the "old Labour" idea of a stateowned national investment bank all these figure prominently in Hutton's plans.

enough to terrify most of the moder-ate, sceptical, middle class.

His book is sulfused with a hatred of capitalism which would do Tony Benn proud - or even Karl Marx. Yet the greatest flaw from an economic standpoint is not his concentration on the failures of capitalism, but that he misses the biggest market failure of all. While Hutton devotes hundreds of pages to obscure theories of market efficiency and financial regulation, he virtually ignores the real reason why the Tory economic record must be counted a failure: the grotesque mismanagement of monetary and exchange-rate policy which led to the two deepest post-war recessions. Successive Tory Chancellors, in the grip of dogmatic pre-Keynesian theories of monetarism, stubbornly refused to fight unemployment with pragmatic policies of demand management - at least until their hands were forced on White Wednesday.

ronically, it is this same failure of macroeconomic policy that ac-L counts for the parlous condition of the great stakeholder economies which Hutton and Blair would have Britain emulate — Germany, Japan and France. Meanwhile America, which has successfully embraced a policy of unabashed Keynesian demand management, is emerging clearly as the economic success of the 1990s. The tragedy of the stakeholder concept is that by making society cope better with high levels of unemployment, it actually seems to make people more tolerant of sadomonetarist deflation, and so reduces the pressure on governments to create jobs by stimulating growth.

But even more terrifying than Hutton's economics is the revolutionary fervour of what he describes as his "call to arms". Britain, in his view, is rotten from top to bottom. Almost everything that has happened in the 17 years of Tory rule has been an unmitigated disaster. From the Royal Family and the constitution to the management of the arts. Britain must submit to the purgative power of revolutionary destruction: "No state in the 20th century has ever been able to recast its economy, political structures and society to the extent that Britain must do without suffering defeat in war, economic collapse or revolution."

This, I suspect, is not the message that voters think they are hearing from "new" Labour. Tony Blair's popularity stems from his moderate. common-sense pragmatism and apparent belief that many of the changes in Tory Britain have been for the better. Yet behind the bland technocratic "stakeholder" slogan there seems to hirk a longing to undo everything the Tories have done since 1979. Perhaps this is not what Mr Blair means, but in Will Hutton's hands, the stake is a sharp one - and it is aimed straight for the capitalist

and her private secretary, Patrick Jephson, parted company yester-day. Flying back from her recent trip to Argentina, the Princess booked two first-class seats. She took one, her hairdresser was given the other. Jephson was booted

Paris Match

down to club class.

JUST AS England lost by a whisker to the French at the weekend, so the Commons and Lords rugby team fell at the hands of the French National Assembly by just a single point.

Old hands were less than sur-

prised that the Princess of Wales

Our parliamentarians managed to maintain their composure until after the game - but then a bunfight broke out. The Brits started lobbing bread

rolls at the post-match dinner. Within minutes, baguettes were thicker in the air than Frenchmen on the field at the Parc des Princes. Lord Redesdale, the towering Liberal Democrat peer, bopped his second-row team-mate Jim Parson on the nose to dampen his enthusiasm. Parson was philosophical: These things happen at four in the morning." Others were less charitable: "Redesdale was acting like a prefect who wanted to be head boy," complained a scrimmager.



 With offices in Belgravia and the Duke of Kent as its patron, the Ski Club of Great Britain isn't perhaps the first place one would look for train-spotters. But the club appears to be plumbing new depths in its search for members. Its new magazine on the Internet is called Anorak.

Dry cellar

EMPTY TANKARDS are the sad sight at Gonville and Caius, the Cambridge college founded in 1348. The fellows have closed the cellar bar after a party there, organised by impostors, spiralled out of control.

The Fitzwilliam Vikings, a drinking society banned from its own berth, Fitzwilliam College, are being blamed for the disorder. which resulted in damaged prop-

erty and one student being found slumped unconscious in the porter's lodge. Dr Mark Bailey, acting senior tutor at Caius, says the closure was precipitated by the party. This had particularly distressing consequences," he says. Not least for the Caius students who, with throats as dry as Bath Olivers, are planning revenge on

• On the stump yesterday for his new ultra-socialist party in the Hemsworth by-election, Arthur Scarpill was dismissive of Tony Blair's stakeholder economy. I have heard that it's suffering from BSE already," he said. Scargill is continuing to sign up radical blood — his latest recruit is called Seri, whose father was Britain's first Communist MP. Shapurji Saklatvala, in the 1920s.

One's vote

NORMAN LAMONTS selection for Harrogate will come as a blow to the beleaguered Queen, for she came within a curtsy of seeing her own flesh and blood in the House of Commons. One of the two defeated candidates, Ian Liddell-Grainger, is of the monarch's line - a fact he coyly omitted from his

curriculum vitae. The Tyneside businessman is



Alice: long-lived

Her Majesty's second cousin. He is directly descended from Queen Victoria through his mother Anne, a grand-daughter of Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, who features in The Guinness Book of Records as the oldest ever royal - dying in 1981 aged 97. Longevity is in the blood, so he may be in with a second chance.



HARRIET AND HYPOCRISY

But politicians have not always been so harshly judged

If the dashing young technocrat leading Labour had been Harold Wilson not Tony Blair, Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a selective school would not have made her position on the front bench so uncomfortable. Hypocrisy may always have been the compliment that vice has paid virtue; but it has not always been the most politically damaging of charges. Nor should it he

The criticism which Harriet Harman has endured from her party (it has been no less wounding for being sotto voce) is one of the last relics of the Bennism that nearly sunk Labour in the early eighties. The changes wrought by the Left then, most notably the mandatory reselection of constituency members, meant MPs had to change from being all-too-human advocates for improvement to living advertisements for socialist virtue. The electorate may have been prepared to tolerate inconsistencies, frailties and dissent party cadres would not.

The grip on Labour exerted by activists during the Eighties meant that even the most talented of aspirant MPs had to conform to prejudices which were common to party members but at variance with voters' priorities. Unilateralism and a united Ireland were just two touchstone issues. Even the candidate for Sedgefield in 1983 felt compelled to parade his CND card and argue withdrawal from Europe.

Before the hegemony of the hard Left Labour MPs found it easier to argue that ability mattered more than purity. Harold Wilson presided over a Government in which his Education Secretary, Tony Crosland, was trying to close every grammar school in the land. But he sent his own son to the fee-paying University College School in Hampstead. In the same Cabinet both Douglas Jay and Roy Jenkins sent their sons to Winchester. The political culture of the time made it easier to separate private conduct from public rhetoric. It was thought

not only possible, but often desirable, to judge an argument on its merits rather than with reference to the character of the apologist.

Most recently it has been the Tories, not Labour, who have suffered for practising what they have preached against. The collapse of "back to basics" since the tragicomic welter of scandal in the winter of 1994 not only exposed the dangers of politicians in the pulpit: it also showed how the Right was in danger of infection with the puritan rigour once the preserve of the Left. The Whiggish tolerance of personal permissiveness which once characterised the Conservatives and allowed elites their indulgences had been replaced by a new censoriousness.

Now Labour is in trouble. Ms Harman was left yesterday to draw the distinction between what she thought right for her son in the specific circumstances of Peckham in 1996 and the general benefits which Labour policy will bring Britain hereafter. Few are likely to have been convinced by her — except to the extent that she was right to put her child before politics. In the current climate, for which Labour is partly itself to blame, she has damaged her own prospects and those of her party for as long as its prejudiced education policy remains in

But perhaps she will hasten a relaxation of that policy. The Tories meanwhile should avoid harping too much on the hypocrisy theme. Man's fallen nature means even, and perhaps especially, the best of us are flawed and inconsistent creatures. Better to have principles and falter than abandon them for fear of being held a hypocrite. Better still to be true to a mother's heart than a politician's head. Better even to be a hypocrite on one principle than a parent who denied her child an opportunity in the name of socialist ideology. It would be a most ignoble sacrifice if she laid down his chances of a better life for the better chance of new Labour.

RAIS ARAFAT

How to keep Hamas both down and out

There are several stories to relate from the first elections ever held by Palestinians for Palestinians. The first and most obvious tale is that of Yassir Arafat: he won, emphatically, the post of rais (or "leader") and is effectively the first President of Palestine. Neither "president" nor "Palestine" can be found as yet on any document to which the Israelis have lent their imprimatur; and there can be no assurance that either will win Israeli favour in the near future. Yet Mr Arafat and the Palestinians who live in their fractured territory have now entered a new phase in their history. The people of Israel enter that phase as well, for their country changes with every change in the status of the Palestinians by whose side they live.

The other important tale from the weekend's election concerns Hamas, the Islamic extremist party which boycotted the polls and urged its supporters to do so too. Its call, it appears, was widely ignored: in excess of 75 per cent of voters participated in the elections. That figure must constitute a stinging rejoinder for Hamas. Given that Yahya Ayyash, the alleged Hamas mastermind of several bombings in Israel, was killed only a few days ago - the party must have expected his death to strengthen the boycott - the turnout was high indeed. Hamas's decision to boycott the polls, when most psephologists predicted that the party might reap nearly 20 per cent of the votes

cast, must today seem a blunder.

But is it a bhunder for which we should be grateful? Mr Arafat was barely challenged in the race for rais. Samiha Khalil, his opponent, was such a poor match that this is one 88.1 per cent victory that we should not mock too readily. It is to the election of the Palestinian Legislative Council — which ran time a mandate uses that mand part, the future acts wisely, and of a responsibility insulate his vict does not, Hama peace process.

parallel to the one that brought personal victory to Mr Arafat — that we must look for a more complete reading of the mood in Gaza and the West Bank.

Mr Arafat's Fatah faction may appear to have won a comfortable majority there, too. But beware of hasty analyses: early accounts show that nearly a third of the seats in the 88member council have been won by independents who, in all cases, defeated an Arafatsponsored Fatah candidate. This constitutes an impressive bloc of opposition after such a climate of intimidation, the gerrymandering, the last-minute changes to electoral rules and regulations and the absence from the contest of Hamas. Prominent independents include Haidar Abdel Shafi, the former chief Palestinian negotiator in talks with Israel: Hanan Ashrawi, than whom there are few in the region more articulate: and Abdel-Jawad Salih. There are others: these are only the three most prominent.

There is, in all this, a warning to be given. Hamas has its back to the wall: how will it react? A violent response might easily be predicted, but its discomfiture today has a difference dimension. If it is not in a position of strength, this is not because a military blow was dealt to the party: it suffers instead from a form of popular rejection. Its call for a boycott was treated by ordinary Palestinians with appropriate contempt. Mr Arafat, Hamas's bitter opponent, has for the first time a mandate which is legitimate. How he uses that mandate will determine, in large part, the future of groups like Hamas. If he acts wisely, and ensures the swift emergence of a responsible administration, he will insulate his victory from future shock. If he does not, Hamas is still ready to haunt the

ULTIMA HIBERNIA

The bull that is Erin, the grandeur that was Rome

Two fundamental axioms about Ireland that every schoolchild once learnt were that Ireland was free (a) from snakes and (b) from Romans. Both axioms now appear to be wild Irish bull. There are snakes in Ireland: the notion that St Patrick cleansed the Emerald isle of reptiles is a pious myth. Dr Johnson asserted that the sentence "There are no snakes to be met with throughout the whole island" was a complete chapter in the natural history of Iceland. And he may have been pulling legs. Samuel's joke was ascribed to an imaginary volume on Ireland.

But at least every schoolchild knew that Ireland was supposed to have been the only European country to have been left out of the original Roman Empire. Until now the Irish were said to have escaped colonisation until Henry II and the Plantagenets arrived, having been granted imperial overlordship by Pope Adrian, followed by Tudors, Oliver Cromwell, settlers inside the pale and waves

of Scots and English.

Until now the aboriginal Irish were supposed to have lived in a romantic Celtic twilight on the wild west outpost of the Roman empire, with their civilisation and culture uncontaminated by the rest of Europe. Great Gaels and wild myths ruled rather than conquerors. There are no references to the conquest of Ireland in classical literature. Any Roman artefacts found in Ireland have been explained as

imports by fast-talking, fast-running Irish dealers. Now Ireland's hidden Roman past has been exposed. A huge Roman coastal fort has been turned up at Drumanagh, 15 miles north of Dublin. It looks like a Roman beach-head built to support an invasion in the 2nd century. Coins have been found there from the reigns of Titus, Hadrian and Trajan, and jewellery and weapons have been taken to the museum in Dublin.

This site could be one of the discoveries of the century. It conforms to the Roman imperial strategy of the period of soldiering ever onwards to find secure frontiers. If confirmed, it will rewrite serious Roman history — and even Asterix and Celtic nationalism. Although this Roman connection has been known to archaeologists and the National Museum of Ireland for more than a decade it has leaked out only now.

than a decade, it has leaked out only now.

No doubt the Irish scholars wanted to secure the purchase of the site from its owner and perfect their research before they published. Perhaps they hoped to keep the lucrative secret from imperialist publishers. But the Irish should certainly not be ashamed that they too were part of the Roman Empire. Their Irish traditions of hard fighting, fine writing, classical scholarship, jokes and even rugby have often combined Celtic wildness with a fierce Roman discipline. It was always obvious that under the skin they were brothers as well as rivals of the other British.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Use of juries in fraud trials

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington Sir, I hope that any reconsideration of

Sir, I hope that any reconsideration of the use of juries in fraud trials (leading article, "In the dock", January 20) will not confuse complication with length.

In the absence of research, which I should welcome, we know nothing about the extent (if any) to which the traditional English jury has difficulty in deciding issues of guilt in complicated cases. The assumption is that most such cases turn in the end upon the jury being sure that the accused acted dishonestly, and I have no reason to doubt that this is an issue which a traditional jury is fully capable of deciding.

capable of deciding.

The traditional English jury consists of 12 men and women selected at random from the jury lists for the locality. Subject to any distortion due to the fact that there are only 12 jurors, each jury can be expected to be broadly representative of the inhabitants of the area. This is the jury which tries cases estimated to last up to three to four weeks.

Cases estimated to last months rather than weeks, such as the Maxwell trial (reports, January 20 and 22), are a relatively new phenomenon. They are not tried by traditional juries but by a new variety of the species, consisting of men and women specially selected for their ability to devote so much time to jury service. Inevitably they are those who would not otherwise be more gainfully occupied and who have no pressing commitments in the period of the trial. As such they are wholly unrepresenta-

The fact is that, perforce, we have already abandoned the traditional jury trial for long cases, whether or not they involve fraud. The issue is what we put in its place.

Yours faithfully, JOHN F. DONALDSON (Master of the Rolls, 1982-92), House of Lords. January 22.

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, The hysterical reactions of some of the press to the acquittals in the Maxwell trial are unjustified. They appear to spring from a fundamental misconception of the criminal justice system.

On the one hand, it is claimed that the trial was a "fiasco", bringing the Serious Fraud Office into disrepute, because it resulted in acquittals of the defendants. The SFO was perfectly justified in bringing the proceedings: there was a prima facie case against them.

The fact that in due course the jury acquitted, after listening to all the evidence (including Mr Kevin Maxwell's for more than four weeks), submissions by counsel on both sides and a summing up from one of the ablest judges on the Bench, does not mean that the original decision to prosecute was unjustified.

On the other hand, it is suggested that the fact of the acquittals imperils the continuation of the jury system in fraud cases. This suggestion, made by people who are unlikely to have heard all the evidence and submissions in the trial, implies that the jury were perverse in acquitting. That is a grossly patronising and unfair comment on the jurors who conscientious.

ly fulfilled a burdensome public duty.

To suggest that the acquittals in the Maxwell case were unjustified is surely to fall into the trap described by Solzhenitsyn of equating accusation with guilt.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT RHODES, Littleton Building, 3 King's Bench Walk North, Temple, EC4. January 22.

From Mr Graham Pressler

Sir, If the Serious Fraud Office is to survive successfully its methods need seriously to be reviewed. It should at least have the power (such as exists with the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise) to agree compensation and penalties without need for a formal trial. And, even where a custodial sentence is thought to be in the public interest, the SFO should have the right to negotiate the level to be recommended to the court (thus falling just short of the often criticised American model).

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The Maxwell verdict may, as Lord Denning says (report, January 20), vindicate the jury system — and I have no misgivings about this verdict myself — but at such a cost that public interest would be better served by a form of alternative dispute settlement.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM PRESSLER, Pressler Parker Stoane (solicitors), 47-49 Laneham Street, Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

From Mr Gershon Ellenbogen

Sir, Some years ago you published a letter from a qualified accountant, to the effect that he had been a juror in a complicated fraud trial, and had been asked by his colleagues to decide the verdict for them, as they had been unable to comprehend the evidence and

arguments: which he accordingly did.
Could there be plainer justification
in such cases for the substitution of
experienced assessors for jurors?

I am, etc, G. ELLENBOGEN (Deputy Circuit Judge, 1977-81), 9 Montagu Square, Wl. January 20.

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Press reporting of mental distress

From Mr Tim Linehan

Sir, As an organisation which works to promote a wider understanding of mental health issues in the media, we were pleased to see Ruth Runciman challenge some of the myths and misreporting about the special hospitals ("Fell the truth about Broadmoor", January 17).

Ms Runciman's appeal to the Press Complaints Commission to adopt a more proactive role is a timely one. At the end of last year we took two

At the end of last year we took two national daily newspapers (not including *The Times*) to the PCC on the ground that both papers had flouted section 15 of the code of practice which says:

The press should avoid prejudicial or pejorative reference to a person's race, colour, religion, sex or sexual orientation or to any physical or mental illness or handicap.

The stories in question concerned a Mr Fahy who, unstopped by the police cordon, approached the Princess of Wales while she was visiting Liverpool. After speaking to her, he offered her a cigarette and asked for a kiss, which she duly gave him. The next day the papers discovered that Mr Fahy had a recent history of mental distress, sparked off, it appears, by the death of his father.

The papers described Mr Fahy as a "nutter" (in both headlines, on the front page of both papers) a "weirdo" and a "crank". The PCC's response was that it did not consider the articles to be pejorative or prejudicial and that the descriptions were merely "a matter of taste", which the PCC does not rule on.

In effect, in our view, the PCC has sanctioned newspapers who mock and denigrate people for having experienced the trauma of mental distress. People with mental health problems face enough prejudice and hostility in

the community without the press joining in. They need, and deserve, the support of a more robust Press Complaints Commission to protect themselves from such abuse.

Yours faithfully, TIM LINEHAN (Media Relations Officer), Mental Health Media, The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, N7. January 19.

From Professor John Gunn

Sir, I welcome Lady Runciman of Doxford's plea for more balanced reporting about our special (high security) hospitals. As a forensic psychiatrist who works with mentally disordered offenders, some of them former special hospital patients, I know only to well the destructive effect the usual kind of English reporting has on patients and staff alike.

I say English reporting because I have recently been working in Scotland and have had to study newspaper reports concerning suicides by mentally disordered offenders in Scotlish prisons. Not all the reports were entirely accurate and some gave a sensationalist slant, but on the whole the reporting was accurate and sensitive with a clear understanding of the social issues involved.

If I am right in my perceptions the question to be answered is why should such cross-border journalistic differences exist? Perhaps a journalist will venture to tell us.

Yours sincerely, JOHN GUNN, Institute of Psychiatry, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5. January 18.

Schools' role in moral education

From Mr Don Rowe

Sir, The Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks ("A school is a moral community", January 16), is right to emphasise the importance of education in the transmission of moral values to the next generation (see also leading article, January 16; letters, January 20). Families, of course, are vital in this, although they tend to transmit a narrow range of values. By contrast, schools are vitally important in helping to develop the idea that in a democratic society we must recognise and respect diversity where this does not impinge on a core of values embodying respect for the dignity and rights of others.

Moral education, in our view, should be about developing the skills of moral thinking, through which this core of values is not obscured but reinforced; and it should begin with primary children. We have initiated a primary-school project, "You. Me Us!", which has been shown to have improved the moral awareness of 80 children who have used the programme compared with those who have not.

Teachers are second to none in their concern for the moral health of pupils because every day they live with the consequences of selfish, brutal behaviour; but we trust that the Government will realise that this kind of moral education is the most difficult of all educational tasks, and that teachers need proper training for it and dedicated curriculum time.

Yours sincerely, DON ROWE, The Citizenship Foundation, Weddel House, 13 West Smithfield, FCI

Weddel House, 13 West Smithfield, ECI. From Mr Sergei Kadleigh

Sir, Perhaps maxims would be more appropriate than commandments. For example, something like the last

five of the 150 maxims enshrined at the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, defining the virtue of an ideal Greek at the time of the birth of our civilisation: "In childhood learn good manners; in youth learn to control your passions: in middle age learn to be just; in old age learn to be a wise council; die without regret."

Yours faithfully, SERGEI KADLEIGH, Flat B, 12 Miles Road, Clifton, Bristol. January 16.

From Ms Sarah Wehner

Sir, I was both amazed and amused to see punctuality listed as one of the potential modern "Ten Commandments".

I pride myself on being punctual but have never rated it as more than a common courtesy on a par with good personal hygiene or not picking one's nose in public. I would love to hear the philosophical arguments which could raise being on time to the lofty heights of a moral virtue.

Yours faithfully, SARAH WEHNER, 30 Gordon Road, Canterbury, Kent. January 17.

From Mr W. Turner

Sir, The Ten Commandments may be regarded as anachronistic, but perhaps the National Curriculum might include Arthur Hugh Clough's *The Latest Decalogue* (published 1862). The Government would surely endorse:

Thou shalt not cover, but tradition
Approves all forms of competition.

Yours faithfully, W. TURNER, 44 Tower Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. January 16.

Divorce Bill Chi

From Ms Penny Mansfield

Sir, In her attempt to correct your report of January 12 on the committee stage of the Family Law Bill, Valerie Riches (letter, January 16) provides inaccurate and misleading statistics of her own. As she proposes, let us get the records straight.

Mrs Riches claims that according to

Mrs Riches claims that according to the most recent OPCS figures, "only 15 per cent of all divorces obtained in under one year involved children under 16". That percentage only refers to the proportion of all divorces granted in 1993 to parents with a child under 16, where the divorce took less

than six months.
In 1993, 131,260 divorces were obtained in under one year, and of these 71,976 couples had a child under 16, so the correct figure is actually 55 per cent.

It seems that Mrs Riches is concerned with the speed with which couples, especially those with children under 16, can obtain a divorce.

According to the figures she cites, of all the couples who received a divorce in 1993, and had a child under 16, 81 per cent used fault-based grounds; as a result 74 per cent of those couples were able to get divorced in under a

Yours sincerely, PENNY MANSFIELD, Director, One plus One (The Marriage & Partnership Research Charity), 12 New Burlington Street, Wl. January 16.

Children in pubs From the Director of the

From the Director of the British Institute of Innkeeping

Sir, The anti-alcohol lobby is completely over-reacting in its objections to children being rewarded by their schools for good behaviour with vouchers to enjoy a meal with their families in the pub (report, January

In many cases going out for a meal is one of very few occasions when the whole family does sit down together to eat. The idea that this "will initiate children into the whole psychology of drinking" is absurd.

Children are not allowed to drink in

pubs. Except where a special certificate has been applied for, they are not even allowed in the bar. Most pubs which welcome families create special child-friendly zones with appropriate activities, special menus and soft drinks available.

We could do worse than follow the example of our continental neighbours whose children grow up to accept moderate alcohol consumption as normal behaviour.

Yours faithfully, MARY CURNOCK COOK. The British Institute of Innkeeping, Wessex House, 80 Park Street, Camberley, Surrey, January 11.

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Burns song auld but not so true

From Mr D. J. M. Mitchell

Sir, In the bicentenary year of the death of Robert Burns the new 60p stamp (picture, January 18) does the Post Office no credit.

In addition to writing poetry Burns was a keen collector and brilliant adapter of traditional songs, and contributed to various miscellanies including Thomson's. Many versions, as of "the red, red rose" (25p) are superior to the originals, so he is fairly credited with authorship. Not so of Auld Lang Sune (60p)

Syne (60p).

Provenance is clear from his letter to the song-collector George Thomson

in September 1793:
The air is but mediocre (his own emphasis):
but the following song, the old song of olden times, and which has never been in
print, nor even in manuscript, until I took it
down from an old man's singing (my em-

phasis), is enough to recommend any air.

He neither wrote it nor claimed to have. He is a great enough maker in his own right not to need false attributions and the excesses of a (non-literary) cult. They serve only to belittle all that went before and frustrate all that might yet come.

What do the Post Office and Messrs Taylor Mellroy Coates, the design company, offer — designer-history or "poetical correctness"?

Yours aye, DAVID MITCHELL, 7 Castle Street, Kirkcudbright, January 18.

BT regulation

From Mr I. K. C. Ellison

Sir, I was partly responsible for the fair-trading rules applied to BT under the Telecommunications Act and cannot allow John Butler, BT's Director of Regulatory Affairs, to claim (letter, January 10) that the proposals of the Director General of Telecommunications involve "sweeping and unprecedented new powers", or that they would expose BT to orders which could not be appealed.

could not be appealed.

The Act and BT's licence already give Mr Don Cruickshank, acting alone, the power to decide any question about whether BT preferences or discrimination are "undue" or whether favours to its own businesses are "unfair". He can also "order" BT to end such preferences or discrimina-

But Mr Cruickshank's orders have no direct effect on BT unless BT does not obey them. Even then nothing can be done until after someone affected by BT's contravention applies for damages in the courts, or until after they or Mr Cruickshank apply for an

injunction.

BT can oppose such applications and could ask the courts to quash an order if Mr Cruickshank exceeded his powers. The same procedures would apply if Mr Cruickshank implement-

ed his proposals.

BT is simply wrong to claim that there is no appeal if Don Cruickshank "got the facts wrong or his position

was mistaken".
Yours faithfully,
IAN ELLISON
(Assistant Secretary,
Telecommunications Division,
Department of Trade and Industry,
1982-85).
Beedon Hill House,

Endangered species?

Beedon, Newbury, Berkshire.

January 10.

From Mr Peter Wade

Sir, I was hoping that your report about the death of the last native speaker of the Catawba tribe had been mixed with the fact that the Young Conservatives' membership had steeply declined from more than 500,000 twenty years ago (reports. January 16: letters, January 22).

At this rate there will need to be government funding to preserve the last of the species before it becomes extinct. At the very least they should form a support group.

Sir. The Catawba language should

have been pronounced dead when the

Yours faithfully, PETER WADE, 70 Heath Road, Levden, Colchester, Essey

70 Heath Road, Lexden, Colchester, Essex. From Mr G. M. Wedd

last speaker but one died. Surely it was then that the great silence fell. Yours faithfully, GEORGE WEDD, The Lodge, Church Hill,

High Littleton, Somerset.

Out on a limb?

From Mrs David Brown

Sir, Those who wish Scotland to have an Assembly, or even a Parliament, in Edinburgh should be wary. A recent telephone call to the Scotlish Tourist Board office in London produced the startling news that there was no available information on Edinburgh, as they "only covered Scotland".

Fortunately, they gave me an Edin-

burgh telephone number, where help was immediate and comprehensive but I hesitated to ask about secession. Yours faithfully.

Yours faithfully, PRISCILLA BROWN, Guston, Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, Sussex, January 18.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 22. The Queen was represented in The Princess Margaret.
Countess of Snowdon, at the Me-morial Service for the Lord Home of the Husel, KT (formerly Prime Minister) which was held in Westminister Abbey this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Lord Carrington.

KG The Prince of Wake was represented by the Earl Peel. ST JAMES'S PALACE

The Princes Royal was repre-sented by the Lady Cecil Cameron

BUCKINGHAM PALACE lanuary 22: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened TNT Express (UK) Limited, Atherstone, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenam of Warwickshire (Captain

tectionant of warwicksmire Capitain
the Viscount Daventry).
Her Royal Highness, President,
British Olympic Association, this
evening anended the British Olympic
Appeal Midlands Division Banquet
at the Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln,
and was received by Her Majesty's
Lond-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire (Mrs.
Rubert Committee). Rubert Cracroft-Elevi. CLARENCE HOUSE

January 22: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by The Duke of Gkocester at the

KENSINGTON PALACE January 22: Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester was represented by The Duchess of Gloucester at a Memorial Service for the Lord Horne of the Hirsel KT held in Westminster Abbey, London SWI this morning. YORK HOUSE

January 22: The Duke and Duchess of Kent attended the Memorial Service for the Lord Home of the Hirsel. KT. held at Westminster Abbey. London 5W! this morning. The Duchess of Kent attended the Memorial Service for Mr Philip Lawrence held at Westminster Cathedral, London SWI this afternoon

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 22: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this morning attended the Memorial Ser-vice for the Lord Home of the Hirsel-KT which was held in Westminster

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 19. The Duke of York was
represented by Captain Iain Henderson. RN at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Captain Francis
Milner. RN which was held in St
Bartholomew's Church. Yeovilton.
this morning.

Birthdays today

Mrs Justice Arden, 49; Mr Peter Attention, former Governor, Long Lartin prison, 49, Professor Alastair Compsion, neurologist, 48; Mr A.M. Davis, rugby player, 54; Lord Den-ning, 97; Mr Ian Dudgeon, racchorse trainer, 51. Air Marshal Sir Barry Duybury, 52; Professor D.F. Ford, bederating, 48; Sie John Gernstele, Durbury, 62: Professor D.F. Ford, theologian, 48: Sir John Grenside, chartered accountant, 75: Brigadier D.D.G. Hardie, Lord Lieutenant of Strathclyde Region, 60: Mr William Hayden. Governor-General of Australia, 63: Sir James Lighthill, former Procost, University College, London, 72: Miss Jeanne Moreau, actress, 68: Dr Christine Nicholls, former Editor, Dictionary of Natactress. 68: Dr Christine Nicholis. former Editor. Dictionary of Nat-tonal Biography. 53: Mr Bob Paisley. former foraball manager. 77: Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea. former Deputy Governor, Bank of England. 48: Sir Alick Rankin. chairman. Scotush and Newcastle Breweries. 61: Mr Edward Rowlands. MP. 59: Sir Kenneth Scott. Deputy Private Secretary to The Queen. 55. Lord Strathcarron. 72: Lord Sutherland. 64: Miss Joan Lord Sutherland, 64: Miss Joan Walley, MP-47, Mr Brian Weight former Chief Constable, Dorset, 60.

Royal engagements Princess Alexandra, as president, mens Forte Heritage fund-raisers for

the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Castle Hotel, Windsor, at 4.

Forthcoming marriages Mr T.W.J.A. Streeter

and Miss A.T. Lalvani

The engagement is announced between Thornton, only son of Mr J.A. Streeter, of The Dower House. Sizewell, Suffolk, and of Mrs E. Anelis, of Woking, Surrey, and Andree, daughter of Mr Taru lethmal Lalvani and the late Mrs Ramona Lalvani, of Villa Nirmala. 17a Carmichael Road, Bombay, Mr S.M. Peel and Miss S.N. Barwise

The engagement is announced berween Stephen Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs RJ. Peel, of Guilden Sutton, Cheshire, and Stephanic Nicola, only daughter of F. Barwise, of Hunon, Cumbria.

Mr N. Towers and Miss S.M. Bright

The engagement is announced between Neville, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ernest Towers, of Seffron Walden, and Sarah Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mr. Peter Bright, of Chesham,

Dinner Arbitrators' Company

Arbitrators' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the
Lady Mayores, the Sheriffs and their
ladies, received the guests and accepted a cheque for his appeal on
behalf of the St John Ambulance
Brigade at a dinner of the Arbitrators'
Company held last night at the
Mansion House, Mr Clifford Evans,
Master, presided, Lord Mustill and
Mr Douglas Smith, Senior Warden,
also spoke.

St Mary's School, Ascot

Ascut Old Girls Association Evening Reception. Members of the AOGA are reminded that the annual London reunion this year will take place on Wednesday. January 31, at the Albemarle Suite Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London (entrance at 86 Park Lane) from 6pm until 9pm.

Sir Denis Dobson

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Denis Dobson. KCB, OBE. QC, will be held in the Temple Church, London, EC4, on Monday, February 12, 1996, at

and Miss R.A.G. Heenan

The engagement is announced between Lucas, only son of Mr and

Mrs J. Bateman, of Walsall, West Midlands. and Rachael. only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Heenan. of Caterham. Surrey. Dr T.D. Griffiths

and Miss P.M. Cross The engagement is announced

Mr and Mrs J.R. Griffiths, of Stockbridge, and Philippa, only daughter of the Rev James and Mrs Cross, of Stretford. Mr C.R. Hill and Miss S.L. Houde

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Hill, of Fifield, Oxfordshire, and Stephanie, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert A. Houde, of Rochester, New York State. Mr O.J. Sisson

and Miss A. Ambrus The engagement is announced be-

tween Oliver, elder son of Mr and Mrs N.T. Sisson, of Brundish, Suffolk, and Andrea, daughter of the late Mr Ambrus and Mrs Imrene Ambrus, of Miskole, Hungary,

Memorial service for Lord Home of the Hirsel

The Queen was represented by Princess Margaret, the Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Carrington, KG, CH, and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by the Duke of Gloucuster at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Home of the Hirsel, KT, held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Prince of Wales was repre-sented by Earl Peel and the Princess Royal by Lady Cezil Cameron. The Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kenn and Princess Alexandra and the Horn Sit Angus
Ogilvy attended. Prince and Princess
Michael of Keni were represented by
Sir Peter Scott.
The Dean of Westminster offici-

ated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, precentor, Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, said the 17th-century prayer of St Dimitrus of Rostov. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Right Rev Lord Runcie also said

Right Rev Lord Names also san prayers.

The Earl of Home, son, read the lesson and the Prime Minister read extracts from The Way the Wind Blows, Lord Home's autobiography. Sir Antony Adamd, Provost of Eron and Chancellor of the Order of St Michael and St George, gave an address.

address.
The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Right Rev Frank Sargeant, the Very Rev John Drury, Dean of Christchurch, were robed and in the Sacrarum, Lord Blake-High Steward of Westminster, and Lord Weatherill, High Bailiff, were in procession and seated in the Sacrarium.
Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal

and Princess Sarvath of Jordan were represented by Prince Rashid El The Lord Chancellor, the Speaker.

the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of HM Opposition, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff. KG, MP. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff. KG, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Mayor of Kingston on Thames, attended.

The Lord Mayor of London was represented by Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, the Leader of the Liberal Democrats by Sir David Steel, MP, and Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, by Sir Denis Thatcher, Among others present were:

Sieel, MP. and Baroness Thatcher.

LG. OM. by Sir Denis Thatcher.

Among others prevent were:

The Hon Caroline Douglas-Home and the Hon Mirs Diana Wolfe Murray idaughters! Mr and the Hon Mirs Diana Wolfe Murray idaughters! Mr and the Hon Mirs Diana Wolfe Murray idaughters! Mr and the Hon Mirs Douglas-Home. Lady Jona Douglas-Home. Miss Kate Darby. Mr Manthew Darby. Mr and Mrs Rory Wolfe Murray. Mr and Mrs Andrew Shufflebotham. Mr and Mrs John Flett Igrandchildren, the Hon Edward and Mirs Douglas-Home (brother and sister-in-law). Baroness Dacre and the Hon Mrs Henry Douglas-Home of Mr Hon Gian Douglas-Home. Mr Hon Gian Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Bouglas-Home Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Mr And Mrs Simon Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Douglas-Home. Mr And Mrs Simon Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Douglas-Home. Mr And Mrs Simon Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Douglas-Home. Mr And Mrs Simon Douglas-Home. Mr Rory Douglas-Home. Douglas-Home. Mr And Mrs Simon Douglas-Home of Mrs Howard. Mr And Mrs And Mrs And Mrs And Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mr And Mrs And Mrs And Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Mrs Monter Leach. Mr Tara Douglas-Home and other members of the family. Mrs Major, the Deputy Prime Mister and Mrs Howard. Mr Tara Douglas-Home and other members of the family. Mrs Major, the Deputy Prime Mister and Mrs Howard. Mr Tara Douglas-Home and Mrs Howard. Mr Tara Douglas-Home and Mrs Howard. Mr Hore Department and Mrs Howard. Mr Environment and Mrs Howard. He Eccretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Gummer, the Secretary of State for Northern Iretand and Lady Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Iretand and Lady Mayhew. The Secretary of State for Northern Iretand and Lady Mayhew. The Secretary of State for Toxitonal Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomier, Mr. the Secretary of State for Toxitonal Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomier. Mr. the Secretary of State for Toxitonal Heritage and Mr Peter Bottomier. Mr. the Lord Prhy Seal. the Secretary of State for Toxitonal Heritage and M

Mr. the Secretary of Saate for Education and Employment, the Chalifman of the Conservative Party, the Lord Prity Seal, the Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs Porsyth, the Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs Porsyth, the Secretary of State for Wales.

The American Ambassador and Mrs Crowe, the Ambassador and Mrs Crowe, the Ambassador of Augusta a representative from the Embassy of Argentina, the Deputy-High Commissioner for Australia, the Ambassador of Belorussia, the Brazilian Ambassador, the High Commissioner, for Brunet, the Commercial Counsellor of the Croatlan Embassy and Mrs Marthnovic, the High Commissioner for Croatlan Embassy and Mrs Marthnovic, the High Commissioner for Croatlan Embassy and Croatian Embassy and Mrs Mathnovic, the High Commissioner for Crorus, the Danish Ambassador, the High Commissioner for the Commowealth of Dominica and Mrs Elwin, the High Commissioner for the Eastern Caribbean States the Egyptian Ambassador, the Charge d'Affaires of Estonia, the French Ambassador, the German Ambassador, the Acting High Commissioner for Ghana, the Acting High Commissioner for Granada, the Hurganan Consul General, the Ambassador of Iceland, the Indian



The Norwegian Ambassador, the Ambassador of Oman, the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs Hasan, the Charge d'Affaires for Peru with Serbora Leah Landaver, the Portuguese Ambassador, the Ambassador of Rwanda the High Commissioner for Sterra Leone, the Ambassador of the Sevenelies; the High Commissioner for Sterra Leone, the Ambassador of the Sevenelies; the High Commissioner for Sterra Leone, the Ambassador of the Sevenelies; the High Commissioner for South Africa, and other ambassadors, high commissioners and members of the Deputy High Commissioners and members of the Diplomatic Corps

The Duke of Norfolk the Duke of Graffon, McG. and the Duchess of Mestminister, the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, Earl Alexander of Tunis, the Earl and Countess of Wentminister, the Marquess and Countess of Wentminister. The Marquess and Countess of Wentminister, the Marquess and Countess of Wentminister, the Earl and Countess of Euston. Earl and Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Cuntess of Himterick, the Earl of Undsay, the Earl and Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Undsay, the Earl and Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Radron, the Earl of Stockton. Major-General Lord Michael Peru and Viscount Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Radron, the Earl of Stockton. Major-General Lord Michael Peru and Viscount Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Countess of Himterick, the Earl of Radron, the Earl of Stockton. Major-General Lord Michael Peru and Viscount Caupanness Hampden, Viscount Caupanness Hampden, Viscount Caupanness Caup

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Lady Jane Grosvenor. Lady Margaret Colville. Lady Elizabeth Basset. Lady Elizabeth Longman. Lady Daphne Stralgnt, the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Assheton. the Hon Mrs Vivian Barling, the Hon Ladv Bonsor. the Hon Mark Bridges, the Hon Mrs Bromley-Martin, the Hon Rupern Carrington, the Hon Ladv de Zuluets, the Hon Lady Dandas, the Hon Dominic Elilot. the Hon Louisa-Jane Gurdon, the Hon Robin Gurdon, the Hon Robin Gurdon, the Hon Robin Gurdon, the Hon Mary Striteton, the Hon Diana Markill, the Hon Mrs Mallock, the Hon Mary Gurdon, the Hon Chaires Gurdon, the Hon Christopher and Mrs
Lyttleton, the Hon Dlana Makgill, the
Hon Mrs Mallock, the Hon Mary
Morrison, the Hon Lady Palmer, the
Hon and Mrs Richard PleydellBouverie, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady
Ramsbotham, the Hon Mrs Ramsay,
the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, the
Hon Michael and Mrs Trend, the Hon
Gerald Turton.

Lady Bruoke, Lady Carew-Pole, Sir
Ivar and Lady Coiquhoun of Luss,
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and Lady Graham, Sir Alhony and
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the Hon Lady Schelas Barrington,
Sir Richard Beaumont (Arab-Bridsh
Chamber of Commercies Sir William
and Lady Bertyon, Lady Bilgh, Sir
Clifford and Lady Brutton,
Sir Robin Budler, MP, Major Sir
David and Lady Burer, Colonel Sir
Ponald Cameron of Lechtel, KT, Sir



Princess Margaret, representing The Queen, and Enoch Powell arriving at Westminster Abbey

Alan Campbell, Dame Frances
Campbell-Presson, Sir Sydney
Chapman, MP, Sir Robin and Lady
Chapeter-Clark, Lady Clowes, Sir
John Holes, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP,
Sir Michael and Lady Craig-Cooper,
Sir Stewart Crawford, Sir David
Crouch, Sir Robin Day, Lady Patrick)
Dean, Sir Douelas and Lady DoddeParker, Lady Dundas, Sir Anthony
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Edward Ford, General Sir David and
Lady Fraser, Dame Margaret Fry
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Areal, Sir Victor and Lady Gariand.

Sir George Gardiner, Sir Anthony
and Lady Carmer, Sir Alan and Lady
Rosula Glyn, Sir Anthony Grant, MP,
Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir Michael
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Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir James and
Lady Hennessy, Lady Hollandhamilton, Sir Robin Haydon, Sir
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Sir Carol and the Hon Lady Marther,
Sir John and Lady Loveridge.
Sir John and Lady Morgan, Lady
Montagu Douglas Sont, Sir Fergus
Montagu Douglas Sont, Sir Francis
Penbenon, Sir Edward Michell,
MP, Sir Roger Moate, MP, Lady
Montagu Douglas Sont, Sir Francis
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Rupert Murdoch Chairman and chief
executive The News Corporation,
Lady Pilcher, Sir Oliver Popplewe

Vaughan, MP, SIF Bhan Warren, SIF John Wells.

SIF Michael Wheeler-Booth (Clerk of the Parliaments. House of Lords. SIF John Whitehead. SIF Jerry Wiggin. MP. SIF David and Lady Wills. SIF Philip and Lady Woodfield, SIF Oliver and Lady Wright. SIF Paul and Lady Wright. Mr N P M Elles and Baroness Elles. Mr Marmaduke and Lady Susan Hussey. Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham. Major C V and Lady Victoria Leatham. Major C V and Lady Etizabeth Lambton. Mr Christopher and Lady Ratherine Wills. Mr and the Hon Mrs Dienek Allhusen. Mr and the Hon Mrs Derek Allhusen.

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Mr F Bouchler (Society of Conservative Lawyers). Mr Jeremy Roberts (Conservative Association of Lawyers). Professor M J Hereward-Rothwell (Naval and Military Club). Lieutenani-Colone! J R Stephenson (Fort Club). Mr Ray mond Bray and Mrs Sydney Jones (Boys) Brigade. Mrs J A Briance (Chaltman. Kensington Diplomatic Neighbours). Mr Peter Everington (British-Arab) University

Association). Dr Duncan Cameron (Heriot-Wall University, Edinburgh) and Mrs Cameron. Dr Mary Caner and Mr B N Neville (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh). Mr John M Davidson (Edinburgh Upper Ward of Lanarkshire Association). Mr Christopher English (Silver Trust), Mr Jack Coates (Salmon and Trout Association) and Mrs Coates, Mr Ian Hall (Bloomsbury International Society).

Hall (Bloomsbury: International Society).

Commander N T Fuller, RN, (The Fiytishery' Club). Mr Derek Contan (Hertford Society). Mr F T R Glies (Grillions Club). Mr Siephen Green (Marylebone Crucket Club). Mr Peter G Nathan (Bunerflies Cricket Club). Colonel Malcolm Havergal (I Zingari), Mr C Gunnery and Mr P G Lowndes (Eton Ramblers). Mr J A C Haviland (Master. Skinners' Company) with Mr and Mrs David Kemp. Mr G P Pine-Gordon and Mrs and Mrs Hugh Ashton: Mr John Heffernan (Basket makers' Company). Mr Michael Pickard and Mr C G Martingley (Grocers' Company), Mr James Hyde (St Augustine's Foundation). Mr G Duncan Johnson (Commission (or the New Towns).

Augustitie; Pountains, Commission for the New Towns, Duncan Johnson (Commission for the New Towns).

Mr R G A Loftnouse (Standing Conference on Countryside Sports), Mr Mike Makeower (Edinburgh and Glasgow Finance Groups). Commander R Nesbitt (Nesbitt/Nisbet Socelty), the Revandrew Pearson, and Mr R Carrellison (Busoga Trust), Brigadier J J H Simpson (Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust and Cook Society) and Mr Simpson, Miss June A Shibs (Thorney Island Society). Councillor David Weeks (Nestminster City Hall). Mr David Williams (Puscy House Oxford). Prince Moshin Ali Khan, Mme Vipinta Al-Said, Mr and Mr Raiph Abel Smith Mr and Mr Raiph Abel Smith Mr and Mr Shorman Adamson, Mr Alex Allan, Mr Leonard Allert, Mrs A M Allison, Miss Pauline Allison, Miss Maisle Anderson, Mr David Arumatinayagan. Mr Peer Ashwonth, Mr and Mrs H Askew, Mrs Ge Auld, Mr and Mrs H Askew, Mr Geoffrey Baker, Mr and Mrs W H K Baker, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Mr Robert Bariks, Mr, Mr and Mrs Margaret Baleman, Mr Michael Barney, Ms Kaye Bastin, Mlss Margaret Baleman, Mr Michael Bares, Mr.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Beatte, Mrs Judy Becker, Worsley, Mr and Mrs Down Beatte, Mr Judy Becker, Worsley, Mr and Mrs D. Wr and Mrs Dy Mr and Mrs Thomas Beatte, Mr Judy Becker, Worsley, Mr and Mrs Dy Mr a

Miss Margaret Baleman, Mr Michael Bales, MP.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Beattle, Mrs Judy Becker-Worsley, Mr and Mrs D'V Bendall. Mr and Mrs Timothy Best, Mr John Birch, Mr Michael Black, Mr John Blair, Mr Peter Bland, Mr Adrian Bilgh, Mrs I F Blomfield, Mr Hartley Booth, MP, and Mrs Booth, Mr Hartley Booth, MP, and Mrs Booth, Mr Timothy Boswell, MP, Mrs L V E Bowden, Mr and Mrs Simon Bowes Lyon, Mr John Bowes, MP, Mr Henry Boyd-Carpenter, Mrs G Braithwaite, Mr Mr M. Brotherton, Mr Peter Brown, Mr Mr M. Brotherton, Mr Peter Brown, Mr and Mrs William Buchanan. Mr Andrew Burton, Dr and Mrs R D'O Builer, Mr Allstair Burt, MP, Mrs M J Burton, Mrs C M Butt.

Mr and Mrs Anlong Butterwick, Mr Mr and Mrs R Butt.

Mr and Mrs Anlong Butterwick, Mr

The Duchess of Kent was present at a memorial Mass for Mr Philip Lawrence. Headteacher of St George's Roman Catholic School, Maida Vale. held yesterday in Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Basil Hume was the principal concelebrant assisted by the Right Rev David Konstant, the Right Rev Philip Harvey, the Right Rev Victor Guazzelli, the Right Rev Vincent Nichols, the Right Rev Ampleforth the Abbot of Ealing. and Mgr Henry Turner. Episcopal Vicar. Mr Patrick Topp gave an address. The Bishop of Edmonton

was robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Secretary of State for the Shadow Secretary of State, the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Mayor of Ealing attended. The leader of the Liberal Democrats was represented by Mr Graham Elson, general secretary.

Graham Elson, general secretary.
Among others present were:
Mrs Lawrence (widow), Miss
Maroushka Lawrence, Miss
Myfarny Lawrence and Unity
Lawrence (daughters), Lucien
Lawrence (son), Mrs Carmel Lawrence (mother), Mr and Mrs Richard Joynt (brother-in-law and
sister), Mr Charles Joynt, Mr Myles
Joynt,
Mr Robin Squire (Parliamentary
Under Secretary of State for Education), Ms Estelle Morris, MP, Mr
Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Ken Livlingstone, MP, Mr Simon Hughes,
MP, governors, acting
headteacher, staff and pupils of St
George's School and many other
friends and colleagues.

BIRTHS

AL-DAMIRJI - On Januar 16th at The Portland Hospital to Ahmad and doughter. Yamaine. a sister for Maya. BARRAN - On January 17th at The Portland Hospital. to Diana unet De Bosdarti and Julian. Iwin sons, Milo and

High BRISTOW - On Sunday January 21st at University College Hospital, to Janette and Charles, a son, David RROWN - On 19th January at

Cheisea and Wesiminster Hospital to Natividad Inés Moreno Delgado) and Ian. a gorpeous daughter. Rebecca COVINGTON - On January alb at The Portlan Hospital, to Lesley (née Rayper) and Kevin, a beautiful daughter, Lily

DE JAGER - On January 19th

DE SMITH - On 22nd January, to Christopher and Amanda (née Edwards), a son, Henry, a brother to

Son. Henry. a brother to Nicole.

EMERT - Pierre b delighted to announce the birth of his sister Macie Leone Cenevière. on 21st January 1996 to Vétonique (née Lavigne) and Mark.

ELEANOR - On 17th January 1996. to Paula (née Reeven) and Nicholas. a son. Jonathan Evelyn Anthony. A brother for Sophie and

ELLIS - On January 11th, to Louise (net Hammon, Stephen, & ton, Thomas Peter Campbell. Peter Composel.
GUETTOCH - On January
2nd at The Portland
Hespital, to Angela and
Organ, a son, Parts, a brother
for Zahira.

BIRTHS GUNDLE - On January 13th in London, to Deborah (nee Green) and Kevin, a son, Loo. HemDRICKSON - On January 17th at The Portland Hospital, to

Portland Hospital, to Catherine Inde Poccky and Thomas, a son, Rory Andrew Purves. HOLT - On 19th January, at home, to Charles and Sarah (née Hermont, a daughter, Flora Catherine Sarah, a sister for Alexander, Freddie and Sarah HOPKINSON Christopher and Flona on 22nd January 1996. a

22nd January 1996, a gorgeous beby boy whom Geoffrey and Lilies would like to call Paddington Thomas but we are naming Adred Civer.

IRVINE - On January 18th 1996 at Leeds, to Christopher and Patricia, a son. Hamish Henry.

daughter. Chienugom.

Tallana.

PARTRIDGE - On January
18th 1996, to Salma (née
Farail) and Nicholas, a
daughter, Allize Marianne.

PHILPOTT - On January 17th
1996, to Eryi née Knott apd
bavid, a daughter, Lucy
Ellen Mary

BIRTHS SCHUBL - On January 19th 1996 at The Portland Hospital to Sylvia (nee Jacuzzi) and Alain, a SHEALY - On 14th Janu

SINCLAIR - On 17th January at the Chetsea and Westminster Hospital, to Jo (née Elery) and Jack, a son. John Champion.

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NILLIAMS HLINGSWORTH - January 23rd 1946 et St Petrick's R.C. Church, Harworth,

DEATHS

ADAMS - Winitred Sarah (Sally), aged 93: formerly of Torquay, widow of Tom. Torquay, widow of Tom. much loved mother of Stanley, Pauline and Stanleved and loving grandmother necently at Lindfield, Sussex on January 19th 1996. Funeral Service at Holy Trially Church. Cucitield, at 3 pm on Friday. January 26th. Service of Thankspiving and January Zoth. Service of Theaksgiving and Remembrance at St Marmas Church. Wellswood. Torquay at 12 noon on Thursday. February 12, No

DEATH\$ DEATHS

ASMBOURNE - On 2015
January 1995, Reta, widow
of the lafe Edward Russell
3rd Baron Ashboure, in her
94th year, Funeral 5 pro on
Friday 26th January at 52
Peter's Church, Petersfeld,
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Square, Petersfield GU32
34R, would be appreciated.

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Howard. Hon 1t. Col.
RAOC. Freenan of the City
of London. On 20th January
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Mary's Church, Burnhamon-Crouch, Essex. 10.30 mm
Friday 26th January No
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Trust of 5 Stammers. 11
Queen Street, Southmanson.
Essex CMO 788.

BEAUMONT - On January
18th 1995 at his home in
Streatley, John Anthony
(Tony) aged 74 years,
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SOWES LYON - On January 21st. Rachel aged 59. widow of Hon. Sir David, Funeral 12 noon Saturday 27th January, All Saints Church. St Paul's Walden.

CLEMENTS - On 20th
January 1996. Peter
Martyn. dearty loved
hushend of Many and much
loved father. Cremation
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COPPING - On lifth lanuary at home aged 89 years Dr. Airce Mary (Mothy) late of Queen Elizabeth College. Funeral Service Sl Mary Aboos Church, Kensington W8 at 12.30 on followed by crenation of West London Crenatorium. Hacrow Road. W10, at 145 per on Tuesday 30th January. All Rowers and enquiries to J.H Kensyon, let v0171) 937-9757

beloved mother of Anna-siegmother of Jamie and Publids. Private cremation, no flowers. Donations to Wildfowl and Wellands Trusts. Simbridge. Goucestershire GL2 78T. Interment Service South Millon. Devon on Toursday February 8th 11.50 am.

EASON - On January 20th 1996 Barbara (nie Stamford), widow of Gareth ('C') and mother of Janet, died suddenly at home in her 90th year. She was much loved by all who knew her. Funeral at 1.45 pm January 25th at Castleton Church. Sherborne. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Friends of Sherborne Abboy Co Eason Funeral Services. Newell.

FLOOD - Jeanette Mary Lanage (née Norris), peacetuly at home on 20th January 1956. Belowed wife of Bob and very much lowed mother, mother-lo-law and grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thanksylving at Ali Sant's Church. West Lavington, mor Devines, at 2.30 pm on Friday 26th January Family flowers only. please. Donations, if desired, to Dorothy House Foundation. C/o Stuar's Funeral Service. Hillworth Road. Devizes. SN10 SHD.

GROGAN - Major Patrick E.C. (Pacdy) Grogan, late irish Guards, beloved son of Vera Knoz-While, at 51 Anne's Hospice, Manchester o nospice. Manchester on January 21st Funeral at Charing Crematorium, Kent. at 11 20 am on Friday January 26th. Family flowers only, but donations to St Anne's Hospice.

GROGAN - Edward Charles, Major With Guards, died 21st January aged 72. MARRISON - On Janua MARRISON - On January
20th 1996 after a long times
bravely borne. Edith Mary
aged 86 years, dearly loved
wife of Frederick, mother of
Owen and daugnter-tr-law
Diana, grandmother of
Rebecca and greatgrandmother of Sophie.
Formerly Principal of
Rosalyn School. Hall Creen,
Brugungham. Will be greatly
thissed by her many friends.
Frinters Service in St James'
Church, Chipping Campden,
on Saturday January 27th at
12 poon.

HARRIS - Ruth Elizabet HARRIS - Ruth Elizabeth Neison (née Chaudoir), peacataity on January 20th 1996. Beloved mother of Diana, Sue and Roger. Funérai Thursday 25th January, Kidlington Parish Church, 2 pm. in lieu of flowers, donations to Christian Aid. MARVEY - The Rev. Lesie Francis on 21st January at Borrowash Derby, aged 93. Headmaster The Kings School Chester 1947-62. Pumral Service at 1 pm on Friday 26th January at Stephen's Borrowash. No flowers please, Donations it desired to The Children's Society. All enquiries to 4. W. Lymn (0115) 9463093.

HICKS - Precedity at home on Sunday January 21st 1996 Major Romaid Charles, L.V.O., R.A. (Reid) much L.V.O.. R.A. (Retd) much loved husband of Jeannie and lather of Bob and Simon. Funeral Service at St Calherine's Church. Blairgowrie on Friday January 26th at 10 30 am followed by Interment at Kemnay House, Aberdeenshire at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations is wished to Royal Artillery Association. Woolwich.

DEATHS

HOWELL - On 22nd January peacefully at the Heath Hospital. Cardiff. Deborah Howell, wife of El. mother of Anthony. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced.

Hussides M.C. son of the late Una Margaret Howard died pescelully at Astley Nursing Home 20th January 1996. Service of cremation at Chellenham 11.50 am 26th January 1996.

DEATHS HWIR - On Jenuary 20th 1996 Lestie Montague beloved husband of Ann and the late Toni, much loved father of Rupert, Tania and Nicolas, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Earl Mountbatten Hospics.

Donations if desired to the Earl Mountbetten Hospite C/O Weaver Bres., Bembridge. (01983) 872598. KIMG - Bobby. on January 18th. peacefully at Chiffion House Nursing Home, aged 95. Formerly of Rickmansworth and Watford. Cremation at Oxford Wednesday 24th January at 3.45 pm. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research. Cancer Research.

LEATMERS - On January
21st 1996, peacefully at
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MITCHELL - On January
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much loved father of Lydia,
Joe. Ben and Peter. Fuseral
Service at St Christopher's
Church. Pett Shrigley. on
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NAPIER - Elizabeth Eve (née Lindray) on 20th Jamusry, after a brief Elbess. Dearly loved mother of Christopher. Paul and Lucilia. Funeral Service at All Saints. Lindfield. near Haywards Heath. Lindfleld, near Haywards Heath, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 25th January. Family flowers only: any donations to Help the Aged. c/o Masters & Son, 4 Denmans Lane, Lindfleld. West Sussex RH16 21B.

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father of Godfrey and
Mcholes, brother of Eric and
Hausil, grandfather of
Matthew. William, Sam.
Tommy and Joshie and
special friend of Mundi,
much loved uncle, brotherin-law,
father-in-law,
frand-uncle and friend,
Funeral at Golders Green
Crematorium 2.30 pm
Friday 26th January,
Flowers to Kenyons, 9 Pond
Street, London NW3.

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If the confession Jesus is Lord' is on your lips and the faith that God raised him from the dead is in your heart, you will find salvation Romans 10 · 9 (REB).

ABBOTTS - On January 19th 1996, to Julie spie Small) and Stephen, a daughter, Alice Josephine.

Christopher and Patricia, a son. Hamish Henry.
JORDAN - On January 6th 1996, to Deborah and Peter. a son. Patrick Contor.
LARRD - On January 14th 1996, to Georgina (née Hancon) and Magnus, a son. Hector Adam.
LAZOVIC - On January 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Delphine and Goran, a beautiful daughter. Alexandra, a sister for Marie.
LOWENSTEIN - On 18th January 1996, to Paul and Nadine (née Shenton), a son. Sam Henry

MBAKA - On January 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Ngozi (nee Obiesie) and Emmanuel. a beautiful daughter. Rebecca Chlenugem. MciNTOSH/DEVOY - On 16th January 1996, to lain and Annie. 2 son. Kill Conrad Masien, a brother for Tallana.

Ellen Mary

PUX:EY - On 19th January
1996, to Deborat nee
Ferguson) and James, a
daughter, sister for William.

RODRIGUEZ - On 21st January 1996, to Nicholas and Kale. a son, Frederick Bartrolomew Antonio

1996. to Elizabeth (née Todd) and Eric. a daughter. Clara.

WHITCHURCH - On Sunday 21st January 1996, at The County Hospital, Hereford, to America and Netl Arist-born

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SURTON - Nicholas James,
On January 18th 1996
suddenly in Lundon aged 29
years Very dearly loved
only son of Departs and
Thetras. Wolverhampion.
Much oved brother of Jill
and dear friend of Paul, Will
be sacily missed by his
becaries and oil his friends.
Funeral Service at
Walberswick Parish Church.
Suffolk. on Friday Jamuary
28th at 2 pm followed by
private cremation at
Corteston. Enoughes to Tony
Brown's Funeral Service, tel:

pouglas-Robertson -née Burton-Faraing Daphne late of Thuriestone, S. Devon, died peacefully on January 18th 1996, in Cold Kirty, N. Yorkshire, Much

NILSON - Peter of Chebsa, London, suddenly in Kenya after a short liness on 18th January, Sadly missed by his family and a large circle of friends. Following his cremston in Kenya on 22nd January there will be a Service at St Stmon Zetotas. Milnes Street, London SW3 at 1 nm on Saturday 27th January, All welcome.

LOWIS - Peacefully, on Sunday, January 21st. 1996, at St. Andrews Nursing Home. Drygrange, Muriel, loved wife of the last Lt. Col. John Lowis. much loved mother of Rosemary and lain and grandmonter of City. Anna, Johathan. Sarah. Verena and Loman. Funeral Service at the Roman Catholic Church, High Cross Avenus. Metrose, on Friday. January 26th, at 11.30 am, thresofter infarment at Holy Tringy Churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations. If desired, to Gurkha Westare Trust. c/o. D. Mcintyre. Tail Solictore. 10 The Square, Keiso, TD6 7HJ.

MITCHELL - On January LOWIS - Peacefully, on

DEATHS BOCK - Kenneth Horne peacefully in hospital on January 18th, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of the late Nicholas. Formerty of the National Westminster Bank. Funeral at SS Peter and Peul. West Clandon. on Monday January 29th at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations. If desired to Royal Surrey County Hospital Cancer Appeal, Guildford. MORRISH - On January 20th peacefully, at Moorhouse, Hindhead. Ursula aged 92 years. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday January 30th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only.

SELWYN - Edwyn Chartes
Jasper peacefully on
January 19th aged 70 years.
Dearly loved husband of
Margot, father of Nicholas,
Cordon and Alison and a
beloved grandfather. Funeral
Service in Brecon Cathedral.
Powys. on Friday 26th
January 1996 at 12 noon.
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Work of Cilizens Advice
Bureau in Brecon c/o Peter
Evans f.D. Brookfield.
Groesiford. Brecon. tel:
(01874) 665508. OLDMAM - Joan Mary, peacefully on Jenuary 20th aged 91 years. Dearly loved mother of Gerald. Robin and Barry and grandmother of James. Victoris, Edward and Harry, Fuperal will take place at The Vale Crematerium, Lidon, at 3 pm on Wednesday January 31st. Family flowers only please. Donations to Antonal Weifare Trust, Tylers Way, Wastord-Trust, Tylers Way, Wastord-

SHEPHERD - Liesbeth (née Askonas), dearly beloved wife of Neville and sister of Peter, died peacefully at home after another brief liness on 20th January. To so many in the world of music and song sive was a trusted adviser, an impiration and an infinitely ateady friend. Funeral strictly private. Family flowers only. A memorial celebration of her tife will be enhounced later. PLAYFAIR - Gies William, aged 85, on January 17th, in Furts dramatically and with the style, after lunch Buriet on Wednesday, January 24th, 2.30 pm, at The Montmartre Cemetery (Cimettere Montmartre). Avenue Rachel, 75018 Peris: Sepulture: Avenue du Tunnet, Familly flowers only, Donations, if desired, to Jin Husson of Crussynate Care

PUTT - Barbara, on 18th PUTT - Barbara, on 18th January 1996, aged 51. peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Robert, dearly loved mother of Sara, dearest friend of Lesley, Nuch loved by her many friends and colleagues. Funeral Service Friday 25th January at Breakspoor Cremetorium. Breakspear Crematorium Russip at 2.45 pm. Flower or donations. Enquiries C Wickenden, Iel: (0181) 579-7176. REAH - Joyce 15th January. Funeral St Merk's, Sorbiton. 12.50 pm 25th January.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR SIR EDMUND HAPPOLD

Sir Edmund Happold, Professor of Building and Engineering, Bath University, died of a heart attack on January 12 aged 65. He was born on November 8, 1930.

AN adventurously innovative structural engineer. Edmund Happold was one of the 1971 winners of the Centre Pompidou. Plateau Beaubourg competition. It was this which earned him the chance to display the possibilities of engineering most dramatically. The vast skeletal framework of the Pompidou Centre, with its sensationally longspan steel structures and exposed air conditioning stacks all painted in vivid colours, established the unforgettable image of a lightweight, see through object on a mammoth scale.

"It is technology that frees the scene," Happold declared in The Great Engineers, a book in whose writing he collaborated. "Through history there has been a succession of turning points . . . which express why engineering can be so intensely satisfying because it is, at its best, an art grounded in social responsibility." Happold believed this profoundly. Picking up the baton of the first great engineers, people like Robert Stephenson, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Joseph Paxton, he carried their science forward into a modern, and indeed Post-Modern age. He will be remem-bered alongside people such as Ove Arup, Felix Samuely and Anthony Hunt as a collaborator on some of the 20th century's most celebrated archi-

Edmund Frank Happold was born in Leeds, the son of Frank Happold,



Professor of Biochemistry at Leeds University, and Margaret Happold. a socialist, influential in the area of public housing. He was educated at Leeds Grammar School and at Bootham School, York, afterwards As a Quaker, Happold was a

studying geology at Leeds University. conscientious objector, and during the Korean War he found himself working on the construction of a large moveable greenhouse for the Ministry of Agricul-

ture. It was this which sparked off his

interest in structures. He joined a firm

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McAlpine & Son, before returning to Leeds University to take a course in civil engineering.

Happold's scientific, religious and constructive leanings all combined to attract him to building for reasons of its social function. Design, as he saw it, was indivisible from imagination and people; failure to recognise this, he thought, was the cause of much that was depressing and mediocre in contemporary surroundings. It was no surprise, therefore, that the first architect's office which Happold worked in belonged to one of the greatest form makers of modern architecture, the

Finn Alvar Aalto. In 1957 Happold joined the experimental practice of Ove Arup to work on one of the most magnificent architectural structures of this century, the Sydney Opera House, which was designed by the Dane Jorn Utzon. He was also involved with Basil Spence's Coventry Cathedral.

After a brief period working for a New York firm, during which time he familiarised himself with tensile structures. Happold returned to England in 1967 to take up a partnership in Ove Arup's firm.

He undertook an enormous amount of work with Arup, including (for Basil Spence) the design of the controversial Knightsbridge Barracks and of the British Embassy in Rome. In 1966 his was the winning competition design for a conference centre and hotel in Riyadh and it was this project which led to his collaboration with the innovative German architects, Rolf Gutrod and Frei Otto. on a conference centre for Mecca, a building which was to receive the Aga Khan award for the most technically ingenious design in the Islamic world of the Sixties.

In 1971 Happold, working with the firm Paris Rogers, was one of four joint winners of the Centre Pompidou, Plateau Beaubourg competition and for two years he was to work in Paris, where he was responsible for Arup's office.

Then in 1973 he returned to Britain to work on other projects, among which were the Crucible Theatre. Sheffield. the Arts Centre, Warwick (for Renton Howard Wood), and, most notably, an astonishing timber grid shell designed with Frei Otto for the 1975 Mannheim Garden Show. He was appointed to the chair of building and engineering at Bath University in 1976 and that same year formed his own practice which he called Buro Happold (buro being German for office) because of the numerous commissions he had undertaken in Germany.

The eventual expansion of this practice to a staff of 200 was a confirmation of Happold's ability to inspire those with whom, and for whom, he worked. During his lifetime he received many awards, including the Guthrie Brown medal. 1970, the Henry Adams award, 1976, the École Centrale de Paris. 1988, and the Institute of Structural Engineers' gold medal, 1992. He was also a member of the Design Council, 1988-94, Master of the Royal Designers for Industry, 1991-95, and vice-president of the Royal Society of Arts, 1991-95. In 1994 he was knighted.

Edmund Happold is survived by his wife and two sons.

PETER STADLEN

Peter Stadien, pianist and music critic, died in Hampstead on January 20 aged 85. He was born in Vienna on July 14, 1910.

PETER STADLEN had a distinguished career as a concert planist, specialising in the works of his elder contemporaries of the Second Viennese School. The son of a wellknown Jewish family - his uncle had been economic adviser to the Seitel Government - he studied in Vienna with Paul Weingarten for piano and Joseph Marx for composition. He also read philosophy at Vienna University.

In 1929 he went to Berlin for further musical study. After four years there and a year back in Vienna he launched his career as a concert planist in 1934. In 1937 he gave the premiere of Webern's Variations Opus 27 and at the Venice Biennale of the same year he directed from the keyboard a performance of Schoenberg's Suite Opus 29. He avoided the Anschluss though he was planning to go home to vote in the referendum that preceded it - by falling ill in The Netherlands on his way back to Vienna. He did not then return to his native land until well after the

Once established in London - he recame a valued wartime recitalist at the National Gallery - he began to intro-duce the work of Schoenberg and Webern to a wider public: he was a particularly fine interpreter of Schoenberg's

After the war he took part in premieres of works by Hindemith, and supervised a master class in modern music at the Darmstadt Summer School from 1947 to 1951. At the same time Stadlen began to write and broadcast about music, One loss was that he never wrote his memoirs, since his spoken thoughts on his early days in Vienna — particularly fascinating to his colleagues at All Souls, Oxford, where he spent a year as a visiting fellow in 1967-68 — were of

In 1959 he was appointed assistant to Martin Cooper, then chief music critic of The Daily Telegraph. From that day his hands never touched the keyboard in public, except when to illustrate a broadcast about Webern's piano music.

He never discussed the reason — it was the product of a neurological problem with two of his fingers — for his meaning; but what he had to

precipitate and premature retirement from the keyboard. To those who did not know his secret, it was as startling a volte-face as his disillusion with serialism, which he expounded in lectures at the British Institute of Recorded Sound in 1960.

He also worked and spoke extensively on the significance of the metronome in Beethoven's music, producing much original research in that fraught field. When he broadcast on the old Third Programme he would arrive. much to his producer's consternation, with a massive collection of documents and an equally daunting array of illustrations.

In 1977, on Cooper's retirement, he became the chief Daily Telegraph music critic. holding the post until 1986. He decided to retire when the old Hartwell ownership gave way to that of Conrad Black. perhaps foreseeing the sharp reduction in music coverage that was to follow.

As a critic. Stadlen had a style all his own. His allusive manner on the page was also reflected in his conversation. That, allied to his thick Viennese accent which he never lost, occasionally obscured his say was almost always original and thought-provoking. He was meticulous to the point of pedantry on any matter of detail.

He would, for example. think nothing of cornering an artiste after a concert in order to discover why he or she had thought it right to adopt a particular minor point of interpretation.

He was not entirely an easy colleague. He always believed in what he called using the civil service", which in practice meant driving a succession of secretaries distraction because of the demands he made on them mostly seeking obscure scores out of music libraries. He was a regular visitor to all the major festivals, where the need for his presence was not perhaps always as obvious to his editors as it was to himself. In retirement he continued, more modestly, to attend every important concert in London. looking as quizzical and in-

quisitive as ever. He and his wife Heidi, a distant relative of Johann Strauss, were constant companions at all events. She survives him, together with their two sons.

DENISE GREY

Denise Grey. French stage and screen actress. died in Paris on January 13 aged 99. She was born in Turin on September 17,

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DURING a remarkable career which spanned more than seventy years. Denise Grey went from the chorus of the pre-First World War Folies Bergère music hall to the Comédie Française; and from bit parts in films to national stardom playing outspoken, slightly excentric grandmothers. She became France's favourite Mamie (grandmother) both on and off the screen. Television increased her

WARD-ANDREWS - Lewes, priest of the Society of the Sacred Mission in the sixilists year of his profession, aged 85. Died at Whithy on Thursday 18th January. Requiers Misss at Southwell Mission and Southwell

Minster on Friday 26th January at 11.30 am followed by interment at

WARWICK - David, The 8th Earl of Warwick, born 18th May 1934, died in Spain Saturday 20th January 1986 May 20th Service by

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second film career around the line from one of her scripts: "No one can tick me off. I'm too old." Whereas in real life. contemporary French grandmothers may have a hard time, the actress's screen version always obtained what she wanted and endeared herself to everyone while doing so. Audiences loved it when she gave pertinent advice about life's pitfalls to teenagers, particularly girls who eventually came to realise, at least on the screen, that Mamie had been right after all. In this way, Denise Grey served as a kind of cinematic and televised bridge between the genera-

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when, already in her eighties, she played the grandmother Poupette to a new actress, Sophie Marceau. in the film La Boum (slang for The Party). It was an enormous success and Mademoiselle Marceau and Madame Grey repeated the success with La Boum 2 (1982), one of the rare occasions when Paris followed Hollywood's example in producing a repeat.

stantly reshown on television, where she also played grandmother roles in a number of popular series. Sophie Marceau, who went on to become a popular film actress. rarely missed an opportunity to pay her "grand-daughterly respects" in public to her

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elderly fellow actress. Denise Grey was the stage name of Edouardine Verthiey, whose parents had emigrated from Italy to France when she was two and became concierges in a building near the Paris Opera. She liked to mention their job in her biographies and to make a pun on the fact that she went from a concierge's "loge" (courtyard room) to a theatrical "loge" (dressing room).

She worked in dress shops and as a model before securing a small part at the Folies Bergère in 1913. She always wore a bathing costume, albeit a brief one, at the Folies and this modesty followed her into the film world where she was reluctant to give her partners

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more than a sisterly peck on the cheek.

The actress Yvon Printemps spotted her and directed her towards the world of operettas, where she starred in La Belle Helene. The 1930s saw her as the lead in many plays along the boulevards, in 1942 she appeared in Molière's Tartuffe at the Comédie Franise, and she returned national theatre years later as a permanent member of the

During the interim she had fallen in love with a dashing Hispano-Suiza car salesman. Henri Bara, and had a daughter. Suzanne, by him. He was killed in a motorboat accident while attempting to break a record. She waited 25 years before marrying again, this time a businessman named Charles-Henri Dunkel.

In all she played in some 80 films from the time of her first role in 1913 to her last part five years ago. She retired from the stage at the age of 95 because she said that her memory was fading slightly. To keep herself busy she made a couple of records and wrote her memoirs.

Among the qualities that endeared her to theatrical colleagues, particularly those who played with her in the French version of the play Harold and Maud and the record-breaking Le Tube (1974) by Françoise Dorin, was her calm nature. She knitted quietly before the curtain on opening nights, and lived modestly in a small Parisian studio. But she was often asked out by younger actors. who liked to hear her reminiscences, as when she had danced with Mistinguett, the music hall star, or played alongside the comic actor Raimu.

She is survived by her daughter.

BASIL EDWARDS

J. B. Edwards, CBE, solicitor, died on January 12 aged 86. He was born on January 15, 1909.

BASIL EDWARDS had a wide range of interests but his distinguished career was concerned principally with the law, the administration of justice and with local government. He was also devoted to music and was chairman of the Worcester Three Choirs Festival for longer than anyone else in living memory.

John Basil Edwards was born in Worcester, where his father was a prominent wine merchant. In 1930, after leaving Wadham College, Oxford, where he obtained an honours degree in Jurisprudence, he joined the town clerk's department at Worcester and was appointed deputy town clerk a year later. He was admitted a solicitor in 1933 and then went into private practice.

He joined a solicitor's firm in Worcester, which subsequently became Marsh & Edwards, of which he was senior partner. His father had been a member of the city council for 37 years and Edwards joined him in 1936, serving as Mayor from 1947 to 1949 and as an alderman for 48 years.

in 1938 he was commissioned in the Territorial Army (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) but spent most of the



war serving in the Royal Artillery and in the Judge Advocate's Department. Probably Edwards's most

distinguished service was in the magistracy. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1940 and sat on the Worcester city bench, of which he became chairman in 1950. In 1956 he was elected as a member of the council of the Magistrates' Association of England and Wales, and four years later he became chairman of the association's Worcestershire branch.

From then onwards he played a prominent part in all

the affairs of this important national body, upon which his influence was to have a lasting effect. In 1968 he was appointed treasurer of the association and in 1970 deputy chairman of the council. He was appointed CBE in 1972 in recognition of his services to the magistracy. Finally, in 1976. he succeeded Sir William Addison as chairman of the Magistrates' Association. From 1973 to 1975 he was a member of the James Committee on the Distribution of Criminal Business.

In spite of these heavy commitments. Basil Edwards managed to play a lively part in local activities in Worcester and it was during his early service on the council of the Magistrates' Association that he held office as chairman of the Worcester Three Choirs Festival from 1947 to 1972. His administrative skills and love and knowledge of music were used to promote the artistic. social and financial side of the festival to great effect. In 1935 he married Molly

Phillips (who died in 1979), the daughter of a well-known local farmer, who was herself a magistrate for many years. She was a great support and inspiration to him in his work, both for the magistracy and the Three Choirs Festival. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

OBITUARY

Lyndon Baines Johnson

The former President of the United States of America, who died on January 22 after a heart attack at his ranch in Texas, had succeeded automatically when President Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963. A year later he was elected in his own right by an overwhelming landslide against the rightwing Senator Goldwater . . .
It was Johnson's misfortune to be saddled

with a commitment in Vietnam that was not of his own choosing and where the balance of advantage was turning against him. It gradually broke his Administration and his own confidence until, at the end of March 1968, he announced he would not stand for re-election. The indecisive war had divided the Ameri-

can people. It had made President Johnson fiercely hated by many of the young. It diverted money and attention from domestic problems and it put inflationary pressures on the economy. Above all, it set off a searching appraisal of the moral and political purpose of the United States and its role in the world.

As a man he was a curious combination of simple country virtues, uncanny political skill, tremendous egocentricity and almost religious patriotism. Many people found him

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The Times obituary of the man so dramati-cally thrust into the leadership of the world's most powerful nation concluded: "Without the crippling entanglement of Vietnam he might have gone on to become one of his country's great domestic reformers."

difficult to define as a person, yet in some way he was reassuring as a President. He brought a folksy, Jacksonian atmosphere to the White House which contrasted sharply with the patrician elegance of his predecessor's term. Businessmen and Congressmen became more frequent visitors. Stetsons appeared on the hat racks. Harvard professors, artists, musicians and entertainers were edged out of the limelight. It seemed the end of the White House a cultural and intellectual centre. In compensation, it be-

came still more active and aggressive politi-

cally, and it became generally acknowledged.

even by liberals, that Johnson was getting results and getting them fast. Johnson was a vain man who delighted in

the money that came to him in adult life. Until the Vice-Presidency restrained him, he wore expensive suits with cowboy trappings and loud shirts. He liked to see his initials everywhere, even flaunted by his wife (nicknamed Lady Bird), his children and his dog (Little Beagle Johnson).

He could be deeply wounded by hostile references to him in the press. One reason for this was that he believed so passionately in his own good intentions that criticism could only derive from pure malevolence or misunderstanding. But he was also a humble and religious man. When he stepped from the aircraft that brought him from Dallas to Washington with the body of President Kennedy, he spoke his first public words as President with utter simplicity and humility.
"I will do my best," he said. "This is all I can do. I ask for your help and God's."

At other times he could be the epitome of earthy Americanism, slapping backs, squeezing elbows, pumping hands and utlering the corniest social platitudes with devastating sincerity ... In the upper reaches of diplomatic and international life he could be out of his depth and often embarrassing

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Revised proposals are to be submit-ted this month by the charity Action with Rural Communities in

England (Acre), with the Telecottage Association's support.

☐ More support by banks for small businesses is urged in a

survey of 130 enterprise agencies.

In the survey by the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies,

most members called for more soft

loan schemes and other loans and

training incentives, and some said

bank staff should be more aware of

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France, Germany, the Irish Republic. Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United States.

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Rodney Hobson discovers British inventiveness is still a flourishing business

past leads to Smart affiliation

JOHN NOAKES, the former BBC Blue Peter presenter, has been recruited to help with a high-profile campaign to encourage more small firms to enter the annual Smart competition that offers small technology organisations up to £45,000 for promising new projects. The announcement was made by lan Taylor. Science and Technology Minister at the Department of Trade and industry.

So far. 2,000 companies have been awarded grants totalling E95 million. Smart awards to fund feasibility studies are available to companies with up to 50 employ-ees. Spur awards of up to £170,000 to help to put ideas into production are extended to firms of up to 250 employees. Some can be topped up with European Union grants.

Mr Taylor presented awards to 14 of the outstanding ideas in the Smart and Spur programme: Ran-dox Laboratories, of Northern Ireland, for the development of test kits for HIV and for pollutants in animal and plant products; Novocastra Laboratories, of Newcastle upon Tyne, for work on antibodies: Pixel Power, of Cambridge, which developed TV graphics; and ADM Index. of Bradford. for a hightemperature plastic heat exchanger. Other awards went to: Balbox. of Brackley, Northamptonshire; Optimised Controls, of Bristol; Zeta Controls, of Oxford; Pathtrace Engineering Systems, of Reading: and Julia Schofield Consultants, of Richmond upon Thames.



on cracking Germany's Enigma war has helped to devise a way of stopping goods disappearing off the back of delivery lorries. A small box that can identify

when a load has been tampered with has won Encrypta Electronics of Newport, Gwent, recognition as one of the outstanding successes in the Department of Trade and Industry's Smart and Spur awards to promote British inventions. Mark Hayward, now Encrypta's

sales and marketing director, was working for Marks & Spencer ten years ago when the problem of leather jackets being pilfered from consignments set him thinking.

He says: "Retailers generally will not admit how much is being stolen but it is estimated that between I and 5 per cent of turnover is lost in what is euphemistically known as shrinkage. Marks & Spencer was losing £50 million a year. It was like trading for a whole week without making a profit. They made a big effort to cut theft and reduced the loss by 10 per cent. That was £5 million a year saved."

Mr Hayward approached his father, who had served at Bletchley Park, the famous espionage centre, during the war. Together, father and son devised a sturdy box of electronics the size of a brick that sticks to the back of a lorry. It is connected to the door handle so that if the door is opened or closed a random four-digit number is displayed.

When the lorry reaches its destination, a button reveals the number shown when the door was last closed. If that number is different from the one recorded at the start of the journey, then the load has been



tampered with in transit. In more sophisticated models the random number is stored with the time and date of the operation so that management can monitor when the doors were opened over several days to identify when any

unauthorised opening took place. Mark Hayward says it cost Marks & Spencer £175,000 to equip all its lorries with the device but the

annual saving was at least three times that. Sainsbury's has recently tested the boxes on 20 lorries and found that theft from those vehicles was lower than for the lorries without the box.

He says: "It is not a preventive device like a key, it is a deterrent. Keys can be compromised and they delay the turnaround of the vehicle. Retailers do not want to hold up

vehicles when 90 per cent of drivers are honest. It's the few that are dishonest that they want to control. If they are weeded out then losses will be reduced."

With the help of a Smart award, the company has developed a smaller device the size of a matchbox for use on bank cash bags. Encrypta now has 40,000 devices in operation in areas rang-

ing from Alaska to the tropical jungles of Malaysia. About 30 per cent of output is exported.

One client is the US Govern-ment, which is shipping all the materials needed to build a new embassy in Moscow. To prevent bugging devices being inserted, Encrypta boxes are attached to reveal if the crate has been opened

subsidiary, has introduced a life assurance policy to protect loans taken out by small businesses. BusinessCover is aimed at sole traders and partnerships that may

be unable to clear a loan if an owner-manager dies, or is taken seriously ill.

A course to help small and medium-sized businesses to improve performance through better use of information technology, including the Internet, is being run by the South London Training and Enterprise Council at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, on February 7. Cost: E25 plus VAT; details 01227

Companies with a £1 million turnover spend about £50 a day on red tape, reports a survey of hundreds of small businesses by the British Chambers of Commerce. Companies complained to researchers that the demands of VAT, PAYE and National Insurance reduced the time available to run a business, stunted growth and profits, and restricted employment.

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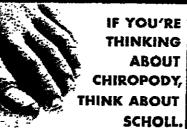
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As to section 170(2), Mr Moses

had argued that it should be read

as if it provided "if any person is

... fraudulently and knowingly concerned in any fraudulent

There was no justification for

adding the italicised words as an additional ingredient of the of-

fence. Indeed, such a construction

might cause practical difficulties in

His Lordship was prepared to assume, without deciding, that the customs officer had been guilty of an offence under section 170(2).

The speeches of the House of Lords in R v Horseferry Road

Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Bennett [1994] 1 AC 42) conclusively

established that proceedings might

be stayed in the exercise of the

judge's discretion where it would be contrary to the public interest in

the integrity of the criminal justice system that a trial should take

General guidance as to how the

discretion should be exercised in

particular circumstances would not be useful, but it was possible to

say that in case such as the present

he judge must weigh in the balance the public interest in ensuring that those charged with grave crimes should be rised and

competing public interest

not conveying the impression that

the court would adopt the ap-proach that the end justified any

The judge had understandably not dealt with arguments about the

criminal behaviour of the custor

officer since it had not been argued

before him, but if it had been he

would have come to the same

The conduct of the officer had

not been so unworthy or shameful

that it had been an affront to the

public conscience to allow the

prosecution to proceed. Realistically, any criminal behaviour of

the officer had been venial com-pared to that of Shahzad.

Alternatively, counsel for

Shahzad argued that the judge had

erred, in his second ruling at the

other cases

No abuse in luring defendant here

[لفحدا من الأما]

Regina v Latif Regina v Shahzad

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill, Lord Steyn and Lord |Speeches January 18]

The actions of an informer and customs officers in huring a defendant from Pakistan into the jurisdiction, involving the commission by a customs officer of a stanutory offence, had not been an abuse of process amounting to such an affront to the public conscience that criminal proceedings against the defendants should be stayed. The intervention of a customs officer meant that the defendants had not been guilty of the offence of fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of controlled drugs, but they had been guilty of attempts justiciable in England.

The House of Lords dismissed appeals by Khalid Latif and Mohammed Khalid Shahzad from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice zhion, Mir Justice Tuckey and Mr Justice Holland) (The Times March 17, 1994), who had dismissed their appeals against their convictions in Southwark Crown Court (Judge Laurie and a jury) on March 7, 1991 of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importation of a controlled drug, contrary to section 170(2) of the Customs and Management Act 1979. They had been sentenced to 16 and years imprisonment

Section 170 of the 1979 Act rides: "(2) ... if any person is. in relation to any goods, in any way knowingly concerned in any fraudulent evasion or attempt at evasion ... (b) of any prohibition or restriction for the time being in force with respect to the goods under or by virtue of any ment ... be shall be guilty of an offence under this section ..."

Mr Charles Bloom, QC and Mr. Andrew Sharpe for Shahzad; Mr David Robson, QC and Mr Mohammed Latif for Latif; Mr

North West Thames Region-

al Health Authority v

Sheppard Robson (a firm)

A plaintiff only had locus standi to seek a declaration as to the

construction of sub-contracts if it

did so within the terms of a

contractual scheme as a whole

which included an arbitration

clause enabling disputes between

the main contractor and the sub-

contractors to be joined in a

dispute. When pursued against the

ings would be theoretical.

and Others

Cripps for the Crown.

LORD STEYN said that one 'Honi, a shopkeeper in Lahore. Pakistan, was a paid informer employed by the United States Drugs Enforcement Agency. He knew local suppliers of heroin.

In 1990 Shahzad had been introduced to him and had made it clear that he was ready and willing to export heroin. Following a proposal by Shahzad and two other men. Shahzad had proposed an export of 20kg of heroin to the United Kingdom on his own.

The arrangement between Shahzad and Honi had been that Shahzad would deliver the heroin to Honi in Pakistan, Honi would arrange for its carriage to the United Kingdom and would take delivery of it in London; and Shahzad or somebody on his behalf would collect it in London and arrange for its distribution in

the United Kingdom. On April 1, 1990 Shahzad had delivered 20kg of heroin to Honi. lis street value in England was to a Drugs Enforcement Agency

On April 10 a customs and excise officer had travelled from England to Pakistan and collected the packages of herom, and on April to he had brought them to England. kages of heroin, and on April 13 He had done so on the instructions of his superiors but had had no licence funder section 3 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971].

In May 1990 Honi had come to England. Customs officers had arranged for him to stay in a hotel room under surveillance. He hadthen set about trying to persuade Shahzad to come to England to take delivery.
On May 19 Shahzad had arrived

London. He and Honi had discussed the details of the delivery of the heroin and payment. On May 20 Latif had joined Hori and Shahtzad. Shahtzad and Latif had continued to discuss the proposed

A man pretending to have cossession of the heroin on behalf

Right to seek declaration

abuse of process of the court to

allow a plaintiff to go ahead with

an action, the effect of which would

be to force a party who had already

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice

Pill and Mr Justice Buxton) so held

on December 21 in a reserved

judgment dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiff, North

West Thames Regional Health

Authority, against Judge Hicks, QC, who, sitting on official ref-

been dismissed from the proceed

ings to re-enter the process.

Furthermore, it would be an

bags of Horlicks got up to resemble the original bags of heroin. He had delivered the bags to Shahzad, who had immediately been arrested. Latif had been arrested a little earlier outside the hord room.

The defendants had appealed ast their convictions on the ground of three rollings made by the judge at the trial.

First, the judge had considered a submission that Honi and the customs officers had by subterfuge neited Shahzad to commit the offence charged and then lured him into the jurisdiction and that it had therefore been an abuse of process to institute criminal proceedings against the defen-dants and they should be stayed.

Recognising the force of Lord Griffiths observations in Somehai Liangsiriprasers v Government of the United States of America [1991] 1 AC 225, 242-243), counsel for Shahzad in the House of Lords had realistically accepted that there had been nothing oppressive about the conduct of the customs officers in luring him into the

He had, instead, submitted first, that the customs officers had encouraged Shahzad to commit the offence; second, that the officer England had himself commined the offence of which Shahzad had been convicted

As to the first submission, the highest that it could be put was that Honi had given Shahzad the opportunity to commit or attempt to commit the crime of importing heroin into the United Kingdom he had been so minded. And he necessarily a decisive factor, but it. Was an important point against the claim of abuse of process.

As to the second submission in was conceded that the officer had committed an offence under secthe view that the concession was

eree's business on May 4, 1994,

beld that the plaintiff had no locus

standi and struck out its statement

of claim which sought merely

fourth defendants as management

contractors for the purpose of

building a large hospital. The fourth defendants had entered into

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The plaintiff had employed the

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trial, in not excluding the evidence of Honi and the customs officers under section 78(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Counsel had been unable to challenge the judge's finding that Shahzad had not in any way been prejudiced in the presentation of

his defence. Given that conclusion he had accepted that, if his ons on abuse of process failed, his argument based on section 78 of the 1984 Act must also Counsel's third submission at the trial had been that on the

prosecution evidence the defen-dants were not guilty of the offence charged: that there was no case to The general principle was that

the free, deliberate and informed

who intended to exploit the situation created by the first but was no acting in concert with him relieved the first of criminal responsibility The customs officers had acted

in full knowledge of the contents of the packages. They had not acted in concert with Shahzad. They had acted deliberately for their own purposes, whatever those might have been.

Consistency and legal principle did not permit their Lordships to create an exception to the general principle of causation to take care of the particular problem thrown up by the case.

There was, however, another ered: that Shahzad had been guilty of an attempted evasion under section 170(2) of the 1979 Act. On that, his guilt could not seriously be disputed. He had committed an attempt at

evasion in Pakistan and nothing that the customs officer had subsequently done could deprive his conduct of its criminal character. His attempt at evasion by distribu-tion of heroin in England had also been an offence. It was sufficient to prove that he

had intended to commit the full offence and had been guilty of acts nore than merely preparatory to The English courts had jurisdic-

tion over such criminal attempts even though the overt acts took place abroad: DPP v Stonehouse (1978) AC SS). The rationale was hat the effect of the attempt was directed at this country.

Moreover, as Lord Griffiths had explained in Somehai (at p250), as a matter of policy, jurisdiction over criminal attempts ought to rest with the country where it had been intended that the full offence should take place.

The indictment charged an actual evasion rather than an at-tempted evasion, but, given Shahzad's undeniable guilt and the absence of any prejudice to him, there was no reason why a technical mistake by the prosecution should allow him to go free.

In his Lordship's view there was one offence under section 170(2). which could be committed in one of two different ways, evasion or attempt at evasion, rather than two separate offences. Shahzad had correctly been found guilty of an offence under section 170(2).

Counsel for Latif had adopted the submissions for Shahzad. He had further sought to argue that Latif's role had been insufficient to constitute an offence under section 170(2), but in the light of his role or May 20, 1990 when he and Shahzad had attempted to take possession of the drugs for distribution in the United Kingdom substance.

Lord Keith, Lord Jauncey, Lord Mustill and Lord Hoffmann agreed.

Solicitors: Hird Killeen & Co. Birmingham: Mian & Co. Birmingham: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

No precedent in sentence on driver over the limit

Regina v Shoult

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Brooke and Mr Justice Forbes [Judgment January 18]

Surprise and concern about a

Court of Appeal decision which substituted a fine for a two-month micon centence for driving with four times the permitted level of alcohol in the blood was expressed by another division of the court. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, refused a renewed application by Alan Edward Short. aged 25. of Rose Avenue. Aylesbury, against a 32-year set passed at Reading Crown Court by Judge Crocker on a plea of guilty to causing death by careless driving when having consumed alcohol above the prescribed limit, analysis revealing 147 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitees of blood some two hours after the accident. Mr Richard Germain, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal

Appeals, for the applicant. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court refusing the renewed application, said that their Lordships took the opportunity to make some observations about sentencing in cases which involved driving with excess alcohol

They did so because of concern which had been expressed (The Times January 10, p3) following the judgment of another constitution of the court (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Holland and Mr Justice Sachs) in R v Cook (Arthur Paul) (unreported, August 17, 1995).

The annellant Cook had been sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court to two months imprisonment for driving with excess alcohol to which he had pleaded guilty. He had also admitted a charge of careless driving for which no separate penalty had been imposed. The lower reading breath test he had provide was 140 micrograms per 100 millilitres. There was much mitigation in his favour.

In quashing the two-month senand substituting a fine of E500, Mr Justice Sachs, who gave the judgment of the court, had said: "It can never be appropriate to send a man for this criminality, at the lower end of the scale as it is to prison. There are other perfectly appropriate ways of dealing with who drive with excess people " alcohol."

Since the permitted limit of alcohol in the breath was 35 micrograms in 100 millilities, it followed that the appellant Cook's figure of 140 was four times the rmitted level. Accordingly the observations quoted above caused surprise and concern The Magistrates Association's

Suggestions for Road Traffic Offence Penalties", which was re-produced in Appendix 3 of

(17th edition (1995) vol 1, p1129). dicated that where the offender had 100 micrograms or more of alcohol in 100 millifitres of breath consideration should be given to

imposing a custodial sentence. Clearly, the higher the figure was above 100 micrograms, the greater the prospect and length of a custodial sentence. The high reading of 140 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath was off the top of the association's

Having consulted the constitution of the court which had heard Cook, their Lordships were clear standing about the effect of the figure as to the alcohol content of the breath sample.

Their Lordships wished to make clear that, whatever was the approoriale senience in Coult having regard to his strong mitigation, the general observations of the court uoted above should not be followed. They were obiter and were based on the misunderstanding to which their Lordships had re ferred. The offending was not in fact at the lower end of the scale.

Their Lordships considered the guidelines as to penalties set out by he Magistrates Association were sound and appropriate, although. of course, each case had to be considered individually on its own

Retention of money by police unjustified by unlawful act

Police of the Metropolis Before Judge Fawcus

[Judgment October 27] The unlawful non-disclosure of the possession of money to the Depart-ment of Social Security and the Inland Revenue did not justify its

retention by the police. Judge Fawcus, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division so held when allowing a claim by Michael Slater for the return of E37,000 seized in a drugs raid on premises to which Mr Slater had

of a drug trafficking offence, but no confiscation order was made as the trial judge concluded that the moneys seized were not proved to be the proceeds of drug trafficking. restraint order was then A restraint discharged.

The police refused to hand back the moneys on the basis that Mr Slater admitted during his trial to having defrauded the Department of Social Security and the Inland Revenue by obtaining benefits to which he would not have been entitled had he disclosed possession of the moneys and of avoiding payment of tax upon part of those moneys repre-Mr William McCormick for Mr Slater; Mr Edwin Bucket for the

HIS LORDSHIP said that the law relating to the circumstances in which a dishonest person could or could not recover moneys which might, in general terms, be said to be tainted with illegality was

considered in Tinsley v Milligan

The approach to the reasoning behind the opinions of the majority of the House of Lords was to the effect that it was only where a plaintiff necessarily had to rely on his own illegality in order substantiate his claim that he would be denied the court's

([1994] LAC 340).

In the present case there was no evidence before his Lordship that the moneys seized were not honestly acquired by the plaintiff. His dishonesty was said to lie in his failure to disclose his possession of those moneys to the relevant government departments. There-fore it could not reasonably be said that his acquisition of those moneys was in any way tainted with illegality.

The Department of Social Sec urity and Inland Revenue might have valid claims against the plaintiff. He might have rendered himself liable to prosecution for his dishonesty but neither of those considerations affected his entitle-

ment to the moneys in question. Any suggestion in the Court of Appeal authorities referred to in Tinsley to the effect that there was some wider principle upon which the court might exercise its dis-cretion as to whether or not it was against public conscience to allow plaintiff to claim where he had behaved dishonestly had been firmly disapproved.

Accordingly the plaintiff's claim would succeed, although it was not a decision to which his Lordship came with any great relish. Solicitors: Saunders & Co: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Corrections

In R v Funding Agency for Schools, Ex parte Bromley LBC (The Times lanuary 16) Mr Jason Galbraith Marten appeared as junior for

In Roberts v Hollins (The Times January 18) solicitors for the defendant were Liddell Zurbrugg, WCI.

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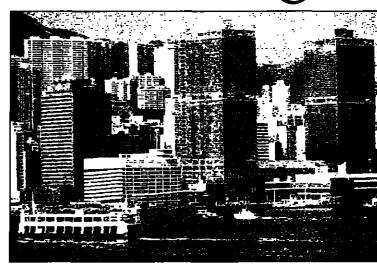
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All-round contribution sees Teddy Five move into contention as £50,000 race hots up

Transfer moves essential to Bare's success

The battle for the Interac-tive Team Football (ITF) shape. Kevins Kickers are still smarting after being bumped down into second place by Gohils Gods 65 for the third consecutive week while Teddy Five have just about claimed

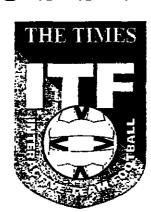
third place.
Gonils Gods have extended their lead to 18 points while Teddy Five lie 22 points behind the Kickers and are being pushed hard by Jones Boys 6. a mere two points behind. Teddy Five, managed by Bruce Bare - obviously a man with a sense of humour as well as a keen eye for football form
— is very much a team effort. There are few superstars, no big-money buys, just 11 players who consistently turn up the points.

The most expensive player is Gary McAllister, of Leeds United, at £4 million. The Scotland international midfield player has racked up 40 points for the side, the highest individual score, but has had a mixed season with Bare. McAllister was brought in a couple of weeks after the season started, dropped three weeks later and recalled to the fray only in December for the Christmas fixtures. However, after the thrashing of Leeds United by Liverpool on Saturday, it could be that McAllister's days are numbered.

Bare has been ruthless in the transfer market. Martin Keown, of Arsenal, was in and out in the early stages of the season before fading from view in October, while only Lec Dixon, of Arsenal, and Warren Barton, of Newcastle United, have been regulars.

Teddy Five comprises: Southall (Everton), Barton (Newcastle United), Dixon (Arsenal), Cooper (Nottingham Forest). Peacock (Newcastle United). Barnes (Liverpool), Flitcroft (Manchester City), McAllister (Leeds United), Ebbrell (Everton), McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers), Shipperley (Southampton) and Clark (Nottingham Forest).

Manchester United's match



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against West Ham United last night brought a flurry of activity. With no points to come from Old Trafford on Saturday, out went Alex Ferguson and Nicky Butt to be replaced by Frank Clark and Gary Flitcroft. Between them on Saturday they scored just one point, but anything is better than nothing when there is E50,000 at stake.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system that allows you to change up to two players each week. Which player you want to offload and who you replace him with is

up to you, although you must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ic. a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget. The ITF transfer system also

allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership. He would then no longer be eligible for ITF and would have to be replaced. Any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League players who move into the Premiership during the season will become available for transfer.

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When making a transfer. you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the £50,000 prize or the monthly £500 prizes.

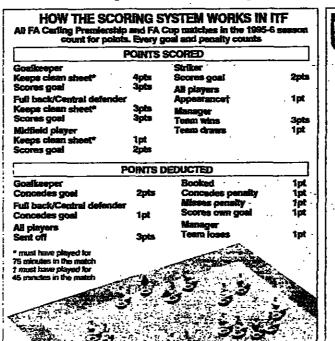
With ITF, not only are you pitting your selectorial skills against other readers of The Times, you are also matching your wits against those in the know. With the support of the Professional Footballers' Association, Premiership players have entered sides of their own, and David Busst, of Coventry City, gives his selection on the opposite page. Like him, you may spend E7 million on Andy Cole — but will he do better than cheaper alternatives?

All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win and lose you points. With Gohils Gods 65 setting the pace, is it time for you to delve into the transfer

□ All transfer queries re-Football should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.



Barnes, of Liverpool, has contributed 30 points to Teddy Five's total. Can he maintain his strike-rate now that the gloves are off in ITF?

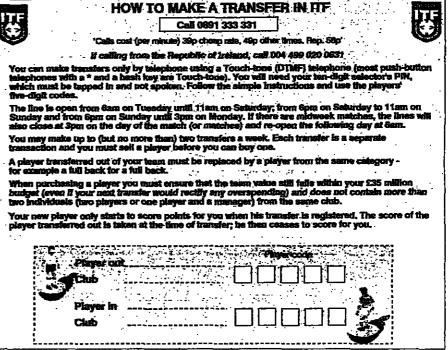


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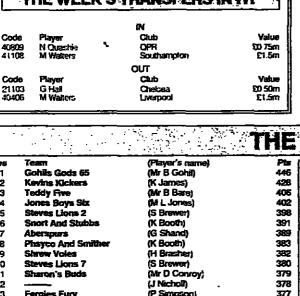
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Busst, the Coventry City defender, made a wise investment in securing McManaman, of Liverpool, for his ITF team

Little spark from Cole

I STARTED out with the idea of an allout attacking side. I wanted Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand and then I discovered that they would cost me £18 million. Once l had spent that much. I could not get a team together -- I could not afford one. The next option was to go for a strong midfield and a cheap back four. Dave

Watson and David Unsworth were cheap at £5 million each, and Everton do not concede many goals. They are a good partnership, so that was the central defence sorted out.

I have always admired Steve Clarke. There are a few unsung heroes in the Premiership and he is one of them. I picked him because he is consistent. Having said that, I picked him on his record last season, this season, he has not played as much because of injury.

Sol Campbell is a bit of a bonus. I had forgotten that I had him in the side. I have selected him as a full back but he has been anchoring the midfield for a lot of this season, which gives him more chances to score points. I like Sol, he is a good all-rounder, he is a good manmarker and you can put him anywhere.

My front two are not doing too well although they have picked up a bit recently. Andy Cole has not done as well as I thought he would, and I think I have been duped by Brian Little over

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David Busst, of Coventry City, is finding his ITF hopes

hindered by a lack of goals

Milosevic to settle to the pace of English football. I think he has scored only about nine goals and five of them were against us. If I am going to win the league, I think that Milosevic will have to play us every week.

Steve McManaman has been my best buy. He was a bit cheaper than Cole and has scored more points. Maybe I should ask Cole for a refund — or let him score when we play United. I have always admired McManaman, he has such

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going to score points and he weighs in with a few goals, but it is hard just to think of him as a midfield player. All his runs are attacking and he is all over the

I had to pick Ron Atkinson as my manager but, to be honest, I think I would have gone for him anyway. I did not want to spend too much on a manager and he was, luckily, quite a good price.

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You cannot really fault him, his whole persona is flamboyant and he can set the place buzzing in even the worst situations. You can tell that he just loves the game and he tries to turn anything negative round to something positive. Depending on which European match he has been commentating on for television. he comes into training wanting to be

My Interactive Team Football (ITF) team is called Cadbury's Busst. I like chocolate and I was hoping for a bit of sponsorship. I think Milosevic will go because he has not doing enough. As they are around the same price, I would like to bring in Dwight Yorke or Tommy Johnson, two of his Villa team-mates. I have been impressed with them. Yorke works hard and he is very skilful - it is a pity I knocked him out when we played

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40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50 +2+28	51
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50 +2+13	51
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75 0 0	51
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75 0 +1	51
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50 0 +3	51
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 0+23	51 51
40703	J Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75 0+16	5
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75 +2 +5	51
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50 0 +7	51
40706	l Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00 0 +5	5

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41206	D Hillier	Arsenal
41207	J Jensen	Arsenal
41208	D Platt	Arsenal
41209	A Clarke	Arsenal
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday
41302	A Sinton	Sheffield Wednesday
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday
41304	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday
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41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday
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41405	l Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	0+28
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0 0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	0+16
41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	0 +2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0+21
41412	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.00	0 +9
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	0 + 13
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	+3+24
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	0+24
41504	B Home	Everton	1.50	+1+15
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	0 +5
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	1.00	+2+27
41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0 +2
41509	A Kancheiskis	Everton	6.00	+4+39
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00	0 ÷2
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+1+17
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	0 +2
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1+27
41608	M Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	0 +9
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0 0
41610	J Salako	Coveritry City	2.50	+1+31
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	+1+16
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0 +3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	+5+27
41704	l Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	+1+15
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	+3+29
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	+5+34 +1+20
41801 41802	A Townsend I Taylor	Aston Villa Aston Villa	2.00 2.00	0+27
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+1+30
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	71750
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+1+36
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	0+25
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	+1 0
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0 +2
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	0+14
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	0+24
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0 +2
41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00	0+16
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+1 +7
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0+13
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+1+13
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0 0
42008	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+1+15
42009	S Curcic	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	+1+13
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	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00 +2+21
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50 +4 +7
50105	E Cantona	n Blackburn Rovers	2.00 0 0 7.50 +1+26
50201 50202	A Cole	Manchester United Manchester United	7.00 +1+26 7.00 +3+36
50202	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00 0+16
50203	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50 +2+30
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00 +2+24
50302	K Campbeli	Nottingham Forest	2.50 +4+18
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50 -1+25
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50 0 +1
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00 +5+63
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50 +3+34
50403	l Rush	Liverpool	3.00 0+19
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50 0+43
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50 0+22
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50 0 +2
50506	T Brolin	Leeds United	5.00 0+15
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00 +1+61
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00 +6+32
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50 +4 +7
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50 0 0
50605	D Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50 0 0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00 +8+58
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00 +6+41
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 +2+26
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50 0+15
50802 50803	B Allen D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50 0 +4 1.50 0+22
50805	M Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	1.50 0+22 2.00 +3 +8
50901	D Holdsworth	Queens Park Rangers Wimbledon	4.00 0+30
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50 0+14
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00 -1+10
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75 0 0
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75 +5 +7
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50 0+22
50907	J Eueli	Wimbledon	1.50 0 0
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00 +1+19
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50 +3+34
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00 0+15
51004	C Maskell	Southampton	0.75 0 0
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00 +2+22
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50 0 +6
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51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50 +4+24
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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Harman says she will not quit

Harriet Harman fought back against an avalanche of hypocrisy charges with an emotional defence of her decision to send her son to a grammar school. She said she was acting in the child's best interests.

Ms Harman's choice of school for her son, Joseph, has torn her party in two in the worst internal row of Tony Blair's leadership. But the Shadow Health Secretary insisted: "I have not discussed my resignation"...

Princess's private secretary resigns

■ The Princess of Wales lost the last of her senior aides when Patrick Jephson, her private secretary resigned. The Princess has also received a demand that she withdraw remarks she allegedly made concerning Victoria Legge-Bourke, the Prince of Wales's personal assistant...

Ashdown offer

Paddy Ashdown made electoral reform the price for working together with Labour to secure at a decade of reforming and modernising governmentPage 2

Girl bride can stay

The Foreign Office said it was virtually powerless to bring home a 13-year-old British girl who has undergone a marriage ceremony with a Turkish waiter she met on holiday... "Page 3

Head remembered

The daughter of Philip Lawrence. the headmaster stabbed to death. led a congregation of 2,000 at Westminster Cathedral praying "for the courage to stand up for what is true" Page 4

Knives given up

A jungle spear 5ft long, samurai swords, and a blood-stained kitchen knife were among more than 37,500 weapons handed in during an amnesty on knives, police said Page 4

Lottery grants

Budding sports stars are to receive National Lottery grants worth thousands of pounds to fund their training. Would-be artists and performers will also _...Page 5

Navy compensation

A Royal Navy fitter who says he suffered brain damage from exposure to a strong solvent was

Under the hammer

Zany contraptions and Heath Robinson-style inventions that their creators hoped would improve the world are to be auctioned today Page 6

German crisis

German employers and union representatives hold talks today with Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to press him to stem unemployment and halt the country's economic decline

Yeitsin under fire

President Yeltsin's bungling of the Chechen insurrection has deepened most Russians' alienation. The two parties sponsored by the Kremlin won only 11 per cent of the popular vote.. Page 10 Tax debate

Against the odds, this year's plod-

ding race for the Republican pres-

idential nomination has finally generated a debate of real sub-

stance - the abandoning of tax Jupiter mystery The fiery descent by Galileo's probe into the atmosphere of Jupiter has left astronomers with a

puzzle over just how planets

Arafat's vote

The results of the first Palestinian election have confirmed that the poll could be likened to an internal ballot for Yassir Arafat's awarded £280,000 Page 6 Fatah grouping Page 11

Lucy gets away with murder

■ Lucy, an English Bull Terrier which killed a cat, walked free when a magistrate ruled that she was only doing what dogs do and awarded costs against the police. Micahel Collins, her owner, said that the case had been a waste of taxpayers' money and added: "If Lucy had been found guilty, it would have been a death sentence for all dogs" ...



Three great grandchildren of Lord Home of the Hirsel, Michael Dunglass, Iona Douglas-Home and Mary Douglas-Home, at the memorial service for the former Prime Minister in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Page 16

BUSINESS

Fokker: The Dutch plane-maker. was deciding whether to seek court protection from creditors. Any closure would be a blow for workers at Short Brothers in Belfast, who build wings for Fokker jets, and for Rolls-Royce, which supplies engines... ..Page 23

Options: Archie Norman, chief executive at Asda, has made more than E3 million by exercising his share options in the last sixPage 23

Forte: The £3.8 billion bid by Granada closes at lunchtime today _Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 5.8 points to 3754.2. Sterling rose from 82.8 to 82.9 after a rises from \$1.5105 to \$1.5147 and DM2.2351 to DM2.2354.. _..Page 26

SPORT

Rugby union: Richard Dourthe, the France centre, risks suspension if his federation accepts match video evidence of foul play against England... Tennis: Brenda Schultz-McCarthy

delivered the fastest service recorded by a woman (122mph) but was beaten by Martina Hingis, 15, in the fourth round of the Australian . Page 40 Ореп.. Cricket: Muttiah Muralitharan,

who was recently no-balled for throwing, was included in Sri Lanka's World Cup party Page 42 Boxing: Colin McMillan, the former Commonwealth, European and WBO featherweight champion, is to fight for nothing as a

protest against not been able to find

General: rain, preceded by sleet

and snow, will spread north across much of England and Wales during the day, reaching North Wales and central areas of England after dark.

The North West will stay largely dry, but there may be some sleet and snow in the East.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a cloudy day. The brightest and driest weather will be in the West and sleet and snow will affect

areas further east. Snow showers are likely over higher ground and in the far North.

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales

cutbreaks of rain preceded by slee-and snow. Wind east, moderate

work in the ring ...

.. Page 44

MATS Theatrical revival: Last year he was

at death's door. Now life is full of revivals for the veteran playwright Willis Hall, the man who wrote The Long and the Short and the ..Page 37

production of The Sleeping Beauty may have cost half a million but the lighting is appalling Page 37 Shocking stuff: The Czech artist Jana Sterbak wires up an enigmatic sofa at the Serpentine Gallery. while at the Liverpool Tate, Susan

Lighter touch: The Royal Ballet's

Hiller assembles a compelling homage to heroism Page 38 Slow start: Hugh Masekela, godfather of South African pop, left it dangerously late to reveal the true measure of his talent in his Festival Hall gig

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

JUMBO EFFECTS

movies to see the special

Interface goes to the

upstaging the actors

Sir Francis Drake sails

back into controversy at

Greenwich 400 years

after his death

effects animals

ARTS

Newel idea: You don't have to be a novelist to write a book, says Joe Joseph — all you need is to be famous in another field Page 13 Harman's choice: Mary Ann Sieghart defends Harriet Harman...

Back pain — Day 2: Jeremy

Laurance describes the move away from bed rest, Dr Thomas Stuttaford looks at the meaning of pain, and Rita Carter explains the value ... Page 12 of injections

Proper penalty: Drivers who kill people on the roads are usually just fined. Should a more serious charge of "motor manslaughter" be introduced?... ... Page 31

Immune system: Advocates cannot be sued for their work for the courts - but that might change .. Page 33

STATIE DE SYNY Ronald Reagan liked to say that

facts are "stubborn things," by which he meant they usually prevail. It looks as if Bill Clinton's reelection strategy is going to be one large test of that proposition - Wall Street Journal

It is fair to say that the elections make the prospect of eventual statehood seem more realistic, a point not lost on militant, right-wing Jewish settlers - New York Times

MODERATE

preview: The parents of a braindamaged son must decide whether to end his life. The Decision (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a dark episode from Britain's colonial pastPage 43

Harriet and hypocrisy

If the dashing young technocrat leading Labour had been Harold Wilson and not Tony Blair then Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a selective school would not have made her position so uncomfortable....

Rais Arafat

Mr Arafat and the Palestinians who live in their fractured territory have now entered a new phase in their history. The people of Israel enter that phase too, for their country changes with every change in the status of "Palestine"..... Page 15

Ultima Hibernia

Irish traditions of hard fighting, fine writing, classical scholarship. jokes and even rugby have often combined Celtic wildness with a Roman discipline. It was always obvious that under the skin they were brothers as well as rivals of the other British ...

LIBBY PURVES

I am afraid that the offended people prefer their young women to be pale, sad, shy, starveling victims. Which is why the Princess of Wales will always have defenders and why the Duchess of York will Page 14 not.

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Behind the technocratic "stakeholder" slogan there seems to lurk a longing to undo everything the Tories have done... PETER RIDDELL If parental choice is to mean any-

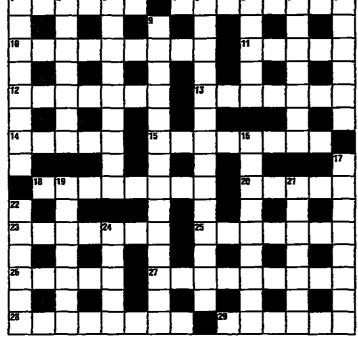
thing, parents should be allowed to choose the schools they believe best for their children. Ms Harman's priorities are those of most

Professor Sir Edmund Happoid. structural engineer: Peter Stadien. pianist and music critic: Basil Edwards, solicitor; Denise Grey. French actress ...

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Fraud trial juries; mental distress; Robert Burns...

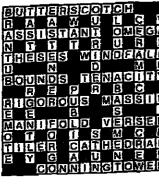
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- 10 Instrument for off-peak calls (9). 11 Joyful air of a former king of Romania (5).
- 12 Barbary Coust character with rough appearance, say (7). 13 Such a welcome, behind inn.
- would be a novelty! (7). 14 Runs over act, a musical piece (5). 15 Solution for keeping the Cots-
- wolds clean (5-3). 18 Secondary class (8).
- 20 Pipe up in this section of the flight
- 23 Go too high up with attempt (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20.070



- 25 City in which GI coach is blown about? (7).
- 26 Dull combination with bishop and king in play (5).
- 27 As much as a sewer can hold? (9).
- 28 Catastrophe associated with Kipling's triumph (S). 29 Permission
- Bassenthwaite (6).

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- money corruptly (4.4.6). 5 Tick - ten or coffee? (5). 7 Source of pitch can initially in-
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- 9 Agreement, in writing (14). 16 Crumbs and things under piano
- 17 Twice tolerate a minor burn (8). 19 Futile advice to the prodigal (7). 21 Pinch a bit (7).
- 22 Unhealthy tick on wild bird (6). 24 Lyric poet feels strong emotion (5).

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Cold. Max 3C (37F). ☐ NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: mostly dry, some bright spells. Wind southeast or east, mainly moderate. Max 3C to 5C (37F)

☐ NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: snow showers with some brighter spells. Wind southeast, strong, near gale at times. Cold in wind. Max 3C (37F). ☐ Outlook: scattered snow show

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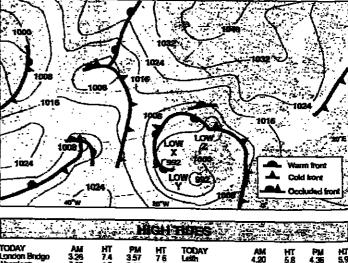
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Daimler cuts off Fokker's cash lifeline

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DIRECTORS of Fokker, the Dutch planemaker, were meeting last night to decide whether to seek court protec-tion from creditors after its parent, Daimler-Benz, cut off its cash lifeline.

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The German industrial group said it would "cease the financial support with immediate effect" and was making DM2.3 billion of related provisions (£1.03 billion) after failing to agree a rescue with the Dutch Government

Announcing a strategic shift to focus on its profitable transport businesses where prospects are brightest. Daimler forecast losses for 1995 of DMo billion (£2.68 billion), including provisions of a fur-

Economic growth at lowest for three years

By JANET BUSH **ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

THE British economy expanded by 0.4 per cent in the final quarter of last year, giving the lowest since early 1993 and vindicating the Chancellor's two recent base rate cuts, according to the City.

Gross domestic product in the final quarter was only 1.8 per cent higher than the same period in 1994, compared with a year on year rate of 21 per cent in the third quarter. Non-oil GDP also grew by 0.4 per cent and by 1.7 per cent year-on-year. The Central Statistical Office's provisional figures showed stagnant manufacturconstruction still falling and only services

ensured any growth at all. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said political uncertainties were keeping confidence levels low in construction and the amount of work in the sector will be little changed over this year.

The City said the economy is clearly growing bel-ow its long-term trend rate and the two quarter-point interest rate cuts in December and last week were justified. Many economists argued the huge build-up of stocks in 1995 is yet to be unwound and growth will weaken further.

David Walton, economist with Goldman Sachs, said this will take until mid-year and base rates will be cut by another 12 point to 5.75 per cent in that period. Even with growth, he still believes the economy will grow just 1.7 per cent in 1996.

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ther DM1.5 billion (£671 miltion) to restructure its electronics subsidiary AEG Daimler-Benz Industrie.

Jürgen Schrempp, Daim-ler's chairman, said: "Profitability must take precedence over revenues. With over 80 per cent of our businesses running satisfactorily, we owe it to shareholders not to allow the other 20 per cent to impede overali performance." The decision marks a retreat

by Dairnler from its ambitions to lead the European aerospace industry. Manfred Bischoff, chairman of Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa), said: "Future activities in civilian aircraft manufacturing will centre on the further development and expansion of the European Airbus." Airbus is a consortium in which Daimler works with British Aerospace, Aerospatiale of France and Casa of Spain.

The future of Dornier. Dasa's German turboprop arm, is now in doubt, together with that of MTU. Daimler's jet engine builder. BMW Rolls-Royce, a 50-50 joint ven-IL DUT TAIKS are complicated because of collaboration between MTU and Pratt & Whitney, one of Rolls's chief rivals.

Herr Schrempp said that Daimler will return to profit in 1996. But Fokker's future looks bleak. It has been kept afloat

when it emerged that first-half losses of 651 million guilders (£260 million) had left the company technically in-solvent. The company has been brought down by the strengthening of the guilder against the US dollar, in which aircraft are priced, and

by its high cost base. Last year, Fokker delivered around 40 of its 80 to 100-scat F100 and F70 jets, twice as many as its chief rival, the British Aerospace Avro RI whisper jet". But BAe, which has restructured its regional aircraft business and formed a joint regional aircraft marketing company with Aero-spatiale and Alenia of Italy, was able to snap up several

Despite shedding 3,900 workers in the past three years, Fokker still has a workforce of 7,900, mainly on a site at Amsterdam airport. The Dutch Government will remain under intense pres-sure to orchestrate a rescue of parts of the business, but has apparently concluded that the price of saving the civil air-craft activity is too high.

Closure would be a blow for Short Brothers in Belfast, which builds wings and other parts for the Fokker jets, and for Rolls-Royce, which supplies the Tay engines. Short's parent, Bombardier of Canada, has been mentioned as a possible rescuer of Fokker but has denied interest.

It will also hit operators, fall, although Daimler is to "explore all possibilities for ensuring that operators continue to receive technical support for Fokker aircraft".

Pennington, page 25 shareholders whose support Cash prop, page 27 will determine the outcome



Carol Galley, MAM vice-chairman, flanked by deputy chairman Stephen Zimmerman and Hugh Stevenson, chairman yesterday

Forte's fate settled by lunchtime

THE future of Forte will be decided by lunchtime today as the acrimonious two-month takeover battle with Granada draws to its conclusion. The result is expected later this afternoon.

Mercury Asset Management (MAM), whose 15 per cent stake is regarded as pivotal to the outcome of the sterdav with Whithread, the brewing company. Whitbread's 11 billion deal to buy Forte's roadside businesses is conditional on Forte surviving the £3.8 billion takeover. Other major shareholders whose support

include Gartmore and Pru- its directors, who control dential, who both own 3 per cent, and Barings, Legal and General and ESN, who all own 2.5 per cent of Forte.

Granada said it was "quietly confident" of the bid succeeding. The company holds 10 per cent of Forte's shares, while most observers believe that it has secured the support OI MAM.

Forte confirmed that Sir Rocco Forte, the company's chief executive, had increased his personal shareholding to around 1.9 per cent after buying shares worth £14.7 million at 37op on Friday. Forte can rely on support from

around 7 per cent of the company in total and a majority of private shareholders who own 15 per cent.

The votes will be counted as

soon as the offer period closes

at Ipm today at Barclays Registrars, in Throgmorton Street in the City. The result should be known within a few hours. If Granada falls short of the required 50 per cent acceptances, the offer immediately lapses and the company is unable to make a renewed bid for at least a year.

If the bid is successful, the offer becomes unconditional and shareholders who have not consented to the bid will be given the opportunity to dispose of their shares at the cash price. There is little point in retaining the shares as Forte will lose its listing and is unlikely to pay a dividend. Once Granada gets more than 40 per cent of Forte's shares in will make a compulsory pur-

chase of the remaining shares. horte also confirmed the details of the sale of 67 of the White Hart Hotel chain's 72 properties to Regal Hotels for £122 million.

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Orange float

Orange, the mobile phone company, is to be fluated on the stock market in March. valuing the business at an estimated \$3.3 hillion. The share sale of will repay an estimated 2650 million owed to founder shareholders British Aerospace and Hutchison Whampoa, the land-to-ports group owned by Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong billionaire. Page 25

Robert Maxwell

We continue our series on how Arthur Andersen, the accountant, investigated the Robert Maxwell collapse.

Lord Sheppard heads **East Coast bid team**

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAIL privatisation received the backing of one of Britain's most influential businessmen yesterday when Lord Sheppard of Didgemere announced that he is to head the management team bidding for the prestigious InterCity East Coast franchise.

The 63-year-old chairman of Grand Metropolitan, who retires from the Burger King to Smirnoff vodka giant at the end of February, will lead a team of six British Rail managers in the buyout company. The appointment restores the family tradition of a

Sheppard working in the railway industry that ran unbroken for most of the century until two years ago when his brother, an engine driver, retired. His father, John, was also a driver with Great Eastern and LNER before and after nationalisation in 1948. Lord Sheppard, who re-

ceived £1.3 million in salary and share options last year. will work two days a week as



In family tradition, Lord Sheppard climbs aboard yesterday

non-executive chairman of the buyout team during the hid. before easing back to between two and five days a month.

His appointment will bring fresh credibility to a privatisation that has to date failed to excite a sceptical City. His only previous involvement with the railways was as a part-time member of the BR board between 1985 and 1990. He first got to know Brian Burdsall, the director of East Coast, who will become chief executive if the bid is success ful, when he was on the British Railways Board and Mr Burdsall was head of BR's

parcels operations. The franchise for East Coast, which operates highspeed services on the recently electrified London Kings Cross to Edinburgh route, is expected to be awarded in April. Four companies have been short-listed.

BRITISH GAS has teamed up with Scottish Hydro Electric to build a £315 million gas-fired power station which will start generat-

Siemens, the German industrial group, will start work on the 755-megawatt plant at Avonmouth, near Bristol later this year. The majority of the fuel will be supplied by British Gas. Scottish Hydro will buy from British Gas at "competitive rates which reflect the risks and uncertainties in the evolving gas and electricity markets" for 10½ years. The electricity company is also committed to taking all the electricity pro-

British Gas in power plant deal

ing in 1998 (Christine Buckley writes).

duced by the plant for the same length of time. A spokesman for British

Gas said: "This will go a little way to reducing our gas surplus under the takeor-pay contracts, but only a short way." The plant will create more than 500 jobs. Pilot study delay, page 24

Norman pockets the £3m difference at Asda

By Sarah Bagnall

ARCHIE NORMAN, chief executive of Asda, has made more than E3 million by exercising share options in the past six months. Mr Norman, who received a

total pay package worth £567,000 last year, made a £1.8 million instant pre-tax profit on Friday by exercising 24 million of the share options granted to him since joining the supermarket group in The transaction follows a similar move in July when Mr.

Norman made a £1.6 million profit by exercising more than 2 million share options. The profits incur tax at 40 per cent. In the same month the retailer granted share options to some 36,000 employees — about half the workforce. The company yesterday

granted a further 791,895 share options to Mr Norman, 41, lifting the total held to 4.5 million, of which 200.820 are currently exercisable. The bulk of the remaining options - 2 million - relate to the

group's long-term incentive options, last Friday Mr Nor-plan and are not exercisable man acquired the 2,452,676 until the end of this year and only then depending on whether the group has met certain financial targets. If the targets are met - and Asda is on course to do so — the share options can be exercised at a price of 0.1p. Yesterday's closing share price was 108p. down 3p on the day.



shares at 30p each and then sold them at 110p, resulting in a profit of 74p a share. The transaction rekindled speculation that Mr Norman. who along with the rest of the board moved to a one-year contract last year, may be preparing to move on. Another factor may be the £2

million-odd that Mr Norman

could make by exercising the share options held under the long-term incentive plan. The news came as Asda announced the appointment of Bob Emmott as development director on the management board. He joined from J Sainsbury, the rival supermarket group, where he was managing director of specialist businesses. Mr Emmont, 52. will play a crucial role in the group's anempt to lift the penetration of its own-label products. The appointment follows last week's promotion

of four executives to the man-

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Bank savers 'lose

SAVERS who put their money into banks rather than

out on interest'

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Shake-up sought on power prices

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

PRESSURE is growing for a shake-up of electricity pool pricing from industrial users. Yesterday the Energy Intensive Users Group called for a reterral of the pool - which sets the price of electricity throughout the day — to the Monopolies and Mergers Committee.

In evidence to the MMC's inquiry into the planned mergers of National Power and Southern Electric and PowerGen and Midlands, the

functioning of the pool. Ian Blakey, chairman of the industrial users group, said: "The real competition problems in the electricity market are the result of the pool structure. which is effectively a monopoly.

The group's call comes amid more widespread pressure from large electricity users as they approach a huge rise in a charge made to allow them to buy power at competitive prices. The industrial groups. which are seeking meetings

question the pricing, raise further concerns about the costs of competition for the domestic market - a matter that the regulator is expected to rule on imminently.

The charge made to suppliers to allow 100kW customers into the competitive market will this year leap 89 per cent to 5565 per site. Next year it is expected to jump another £100. Large users complain that the level will be ridiculously high and that it is eroding the cost benefits of

because the costs are greater than expected." Roy Chadwick, economic adviser to the Major Energy

electricity pool - which fixes

pricing mechanisms - blames

a proportion of the jump in the

charge on the success of

competition. Denis Worth, di-

rector of administration, said:

There are no economies of

scale. Each time someone

requires a meter there is a

charge. The price rise is

because there has been more

interest than anticipated and

competition. Ironically, the Users Council said: "This is at an unacceptably high level because of the way the electricsupply industry is organised by itself." Mr Chadwick blames some of the charge on the fact that the supply industry has invented its own pricing structure.

Bob Speares, technical adviser on electricity to the Utility Buyers Forum, said: The costs are increasing and reducing the benefits from competition. And because of the errors in introducing competition in 1994 we are still

paying for it. Geoffrey Woods, of the energy purchasing association for local authorities in the South East. said that the increase in charge would mean an extra cost of about £250,000 for the 1,000 sites the authorities have in the South East.

He said: "I've never heard anything so daft as an increase in charge because more people are using a facility." The data collection for the 100kW market is conducted by UKDCS, an agency wholly owned by the Recs.

Menzies

warning

as profits

nosedive

By Sarah Bagnall

JOHN MENZIES, the retail-

er and newspaper distributor, yesterday blamed less profit-

able contracts with publishers

for a near-50 per cent drop in interim profits and gave warning that the full-year

performance will fail to match

The shares fell 38p to 580p

as City analysts cut their full-year forecasts from about £41

The company, which is in the process of restructuring,

revealed a drop in pre-tax profits from £7.3 million to

£3.8 million in the six months

to October 28. The reduction

arose in spite of a 9 per cent rise in turnover to £628.4

Ranald Noel-Paton, man-

aging director, said: "We can't

defy gravity. The reality is

that for perfectly understand-

able commercial reasons we are looking at a profit hit."

The decline was principally the result of a fall in profits

from £13.6 million to £10.8

million from the group's dis-

tribution business. Mr Noel-

Paton said: "The reduction in

profits is due to the loss of

margin following publisher contract renewals and repo-

sitioning costs." The group is make swingeing cuts to the

number of distribution cen-

tres. resulting in redundancy costs. Other operations, in-cluding retail, failed to offset reduced profits from the dis-

Retail losses fell from £5.8 million to £5.6 million, reflect-

ing difficult market condi-

tions. Group profits were hit

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im dividend, due April L was lifted from 4.6p to 4.8p. Earn-

ings per share fell from 7.6p to

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million to £35 million.

expectations.

building societies have lost interest worth £24 billion over the past decade, according to a new report based on Bank of England figures. This represents an average of about £800 for every building society saver. The findings by Bradford & Bingley were based on data compiled by the Bank of England and the Central Statistical Office.

In the latest round of speculation on which society will be the next to renounce mutuality in favour of stock market status, Bradford & Bingley has maintained that it wants to remain a mutual. John Wriglesworth, of the Bradford & Bingley, said: "I cannot think of a better demonstration of mutual status than superior rates of interest on savings." Lloyds Bank, which last year took over the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, said: "We believe that our savings rates are broadly competitive with the major players. which include building societies."

Bid rethink at US bank

FIRST INTERSTATE has been forced to reconsider a takeover bid by Wells Fargo, which is now worth \$11 billion. raising doubts about an agreed merger with First Bank System, of Minneapolis. A rise in shares in Wells Fargo has lifted the value of its bid to almost \$1.5 billion more than the deal with First Bank. A takeover by Wells would form the second largest bank in California and one of the top ten in the US. First Bank's offer suffered a further setback when the Securities & Exchange Commission ruled out important accounting mechanisms and a share buy-back programme that made its bid attractive to its own shareholders.

Life's ups and downs

SUN LIFE of CANADA and London and Manchester, the latest life companies to report year-end results, enjoyed mixed fortunes. While Sun Life of Canada reported a 28 per cent jump in total new premiums to £172.2 million, L&M reported a 28.6 per cent fall to £23.8 million. The former said total new premiums and investments were up 41 per cent to £285 million, compared with L&M's II per cent fall in managed funds on the corporate pensions side to £54.6 million. L&M said retention levels of 1995 renewal business indicated the strategy of merging its home service and direct sales divisions and new business centre openings was paying off.

De La Rue sells plant

DE LA RUE, the banknote and security printer, is selling its plant in Hong Kong to the Hong Kong Government for HK\$255 million (£21.9 million). The plant was established in 1984 and prints Hong Kong dollar currency notes for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank and the Bank of China. It also produces notes in other currencies for export. The operation, boosted by one-off factors, made pre-tax profits of £9.4 million in the year to March 31, 1995, and had net assets of £6.7 million at the time. De La Rue shares fell 14p to 715p.

Beirut exchange reopens

THE Beirut Stock Exchange resumed trading yesterday after a break of nearly 13 years caused by Lebanon's civil war. Elissar Tamim, deputy trading floor chief, rang the handheld bell from the pre-war days of open outery trading to announce the start of operations on the small, computerised trading floor set up by the Paris bourse. But the restart with three listed shares — two cement companies and an industrial piping manufacturer — was quiet compared with trading before the 1003 closure when 42 shares were listed. trading before the 1983 closure when 42 shares were listed and Beirut was the busiest exchange in the Middle East.

London Scottish up 28%

LONDON SCOTTISH BANK lifted pre-tax profits 28 per cent to £8 million in the year to October 31, helped by an unemployed. Its consumer credit profits were 28 per cent higher at £4.9 million after the number of loan accounts increased from 106,389 to 119,120. Earnings per share were 9.7p (7.6p) and the dividend for the year is 5p (4.1p), with the final payment of 3.55p due on March 14. The bank has increased its bad debt provision by 18.5 per cent to £1.87 million to cover 12.1 per cent (11.5 per cent) of lending.

Gas leaders to seek a delay for pilot study

GAS industry leaders will meet Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Gas Supply, today to discuss a delay to the start of a pilot study on competition to supply 500,000 families in the South West.

A report from Chris Rees. the consultant hired by Ofgas to review preparations for the pilot scheme, is expected to give warning that the target date of April I will be extreme-

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by the Department of Trade and Industry in drawing up licences for rival suppliers and concerns that the computer system for customer bills remains unproven, have lead British Gas to call for the opening up of the market to be deferred until June.

ly difficult to achieve. Delays

Ms Spottiswoode is expected to urge officials from the DTI, and directors of TransCo and its shippers to continue to work towards the target date. Though she now accepts that a delay may be inevitable, she is keen to defer the decision until the last moment.

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, and his advisers are still hesitating over whether to announce a levy on gas consumers to fund liabilities estimated at £1.5 billion for takeor-pay gas purchase contracts. Big gas users have threatened legal action if the Government introduces a levy, while con-sumer groups claim it could add £45 to household bills and cause a political storm.

Mounting problems in opening the pilot area to competition are becoming an embarrassment to the Government. John Battle, Shadow Minister for Energy, said ministers had "bungled the introduction of competition" by failing to through

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Ranald Noel-Paton, left, and John Menzies, chairman, blame less profitable contracts

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European Leisure dips

Shares in European Leisure slid to 170p before parily recovering to 170p, down op, after the snooker and nightelub group gave warning that builyear earnings will be below market expediations. However, the company emphasised that operating profits in the six months to December 31 will be in excess of last time.

Danka shares fell 23p to 575p.

LBS deal

LBS, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Lambeth Building Society, has hought the £70 million moreuage portfolio of 3,300 home leans from Na;ional Munual Life (NML). The mortgages are linked to NML policies and borrowers will remain customers of the society.

OIS approach

OIS International Inspection. the technical services inspection group, said it had received an approach which could lead to a cash offer for the company higher than the £7.4 million bid. from Abbot Group, the oil and gas services company.

Trusts pick up

Investment trusts enjoyed a surge of interest in the fourth quarter of last year, increasing If per cent on the previous three months to \$45 million.

Regal prepares rights issue over hotels deal

By Alasdair Murray

SHARES in Regal Hotels were suspended at 44p yesterday as the company prepared a rights issue to pay for its £122 milion purchase of White Hart Hotels from Forte. the deal is completed. market cap of £45 million.

Regal, which owns a string of mid-market hotels in the Midlands and the North, will quadruple in size, taking its retel it ildings from 22 to 89. The sale is conditional on the nuterime of the Forte bid battle, although Granada has not ruled out sanctioning the sale it its takeever succeeds.

Regal will pay Forte 190 milian in each and £32 million in hoer cent redeemable. convertible preference shares. Regal hopes to fund the purchase through a mixture of borrowings and a rights issue. The purchase price is almost three times the company's

Charles Vere Nicoli, chief executive of Regal. said: "The hotels complement our existing chain and several of our senior staff have had direct experience of the White Hart business." Regal was rescued from bankruptes in 1993 by Mr Vere Nicoll and Christopher Stainforth, joint head of corporate finance at Guinness Mahon, the merchant banker. The company has fuelled its

expansion through rights issues, and its share price, which once stood at just 0.25p.

has climbed steadily. The latest deal was bro-kered by Charles Peel, of Peel Hunt, the broker, whose brother. Robert, is head of Mount Charlotte Thistle Hoteis, and has been talked about as a possible replacement for Sir Rocco Forte as chief execu-

An earlier Forte deal with Oriel Leisure to sell off White Hart hotels fell through after Apax, the venture capitalists financing the deal, demanded a price reduction.

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Chris Burgin, chief executive, backs Batman

Superheroes sign up for Bluebird

BATMAN and Spiderman are joining forces with Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Walt Disney's family favourites (Sarah Bagnall writes). News that Bluebird Toys had signed up the two cartoon characters sent the toy maker's shares up 18p to 338p Bluebird has signed a deal

with DC Comics, a subsidiary of Time Warner Entertainment, and Hasbro to license Batman, and a separate deal with Toy Biz, an affiliate of Marvel Entertainment to license Spiderman.

Bluebird has been the subject of bid speculation in recent months. Last October it emerged that Hasbro had converted loan stock resulting in a 7 per cent holding in the



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Profits fly back at USAir

Hans Snook needs £500 million for the UK network

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

BRITISH AIRWAYS' 25 per cent investment in USAir looks at last as if it is coming right. The US airline surged into the black in 1995 after years of

heavy losses. USAir reported a \$119.3 million after-tax profit last year, compared with a loss in 1994 of \$684.9 million. Over the last five years, the company has lost \$3 billion, making its return to profitability even more remarkable. In the final quarter of last year, a loss of \$322 million in 1994 turned into a profit of

\$60.3 million this time. BA had to write down half of its original \$500 million investment in the company last year because of its persistent losses.

The return to profitability owed much to lower costs and better efficiency. There was a small rise in revenue from \$7.0 billion to \$7.5 billion. Last week, USAir appointed Stephen Wolf, who has a reputation for being tough with is hard to justify." unions, as new chairman.

☐ Footing the bill for retirement ☐ The lessons of Fokker's collapse ☐ Precious metal back in the stratosphere

☐ IF THE first rule of politics is Who will bell the pensions cat? never decide today what can be put off until tomorrow, the second rule is never admit that some problems may be beyond easy resolution. Both rules explam the remarkable lack of firm

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able. Britain is rather better off, in demographic terms, than its neighbours. But by 2030 there will be just 2.7 people working for every one enjoying a retirement of sorts. The annual bill for basic state pensions will rise from £26 billion to £42 billion.

Those politicians who have been persuaded above the parapet have been almost unanimous in accepting the need for compulsory provision — privatisa-tion, by any other name. If anything, Labour has been more hawkish than the Conservatives, and least inclined to worry over built-up "grandfather rights" of those who are already paying into the welfare system.

The detail, therefore, is the balance between state and private provision. At the extreme, the state pension might be allowed to wither away under the pressure of inflation. This has some fairness in terms of grandfather rights, because the closer your retirement date, the lower the reduction of the state's share. Any changes must run in

parallel with a more flexible approach to retirement, as against the statutory gold carriage clock at 60 or 65.

The losers would be the long-term unemployed, required to subsist on that shrinking state pension and so immured in their accustomed state of poverty, or the growing army of desperate part-timers, ditto. For the rest, compulsory contributions would provide a boom for those firms providing pensions, at the ex-pense of sales of other savings vehicles, as the "trickle down" of wealth from the one generation is invested in the next generation's old age.

Daimler's hand off the joy-stick

☐ HOW are the mighty fallen. Nemesis came to Daimler-Benz in the shape of a misguided investment less than three years ago in Fokker. Like British Aerospace, Saab, Ford, and too many others, Daimler-Benz

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made the mistake of believing that building both cars and planes made sense. The aim was to be an all-purpose technology group, clambering out of strong roots in trucks and cars to dominate aerospace, defence, railways and electronics.

The timing could not have been worse. Daimler bought national champions that were alling, and therefore cheap, because their industries were going global. Even defence, that old state-aided stalwart, was brought to its knees by the collapse of the Berlin Wall. But while Daimler's US rivals merge and restructure, the German

warplane maker must soldier on with inadequate volumes until Europe can agree common procurement policies.

On top of all that, the strength of the mark is crippling the Germans' ability to export, and nowhere more so than in

Under Jürgen Schrempp, the man who led Daimler into its misguided Fokker adventure, the company is going back to those roots. More than 80 per cent of the business is going well. Escap-ing from the rest is the challenge.

By focusing civil aerospace on the company's role as a partner in Airbus Industrie, the Euro-pean consortium, Daimler can enjoy economies of scale and efficiency. But high costs will remain a problem. Increasingly, sub-assemblies must be sourced from more cost-effective, dollar currency countries overseas. With Fokker out of the run-

ning, Aero International gional, owned by British Aerospace, Aérospatiale and Alenia, will become the world's

leading regional aircraft builder and the European contender. against Boeing, to develop a replacement regional jet with the Koreans and Chinese.

Back on the gold standard

☐ GOLD prices, it says in all the economics textbooks, rise in response to uncertainties on world financial markets, or to global political instability, or as a hedge against inflation — or in the last resort when the metal is seen as an alternative bolt-hole to turn-

bling equities markets.
So what are we to make of a gold price over \$400 an ounce and expected to stay there? Inflation is being nailed down everywhere, equities are sky-high and, the internal troubles of the old Soviet Union aside, the developed world is at comparative peace.

But the metal has not been at these levels since it was propelled there by Soros and Goldsmith in

summer 1993. There is clearly enough uncertainty over equities to drive some nervous punters into gold's embrace. American funds are known to be buyers. But gold for once may just be that rara avis, a market driven by actual demand rather than by speculation.

Gold fabricators, those who make things out of the stuff rather than bet on it, now accept that the price is stable at its current level, and are willing to top up stocks rather than buying into the downturn as they would normally. Things occasionally are that simple.

Leisurely pace

□ ANOTHER less welcome echo of 1993 came with a set of GDP figures showing the slowest growth since that year. Far from being John Major's enterprise centre of Europe, we are more like the leisure centre. While manufacturing stagnated, services kept growth going. Yes, there was some high street spending, and yes, business ser-vices did well. But the real boom came in restaurants, hotels, sports centres and the like. We are buying experiences, not things. The bailiffs can't take those away, can they?

Orange heads for market with £3.3bn price tag

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

company, is to be floated on the stock market in March, valuing the business at an estimated £3.3 billion.

The sale of new shares, amounting to a quarter of the enlarged equity, will repay an estimated £650 million owed to founder shareholders British Aerospace and Hutchison Whampoa, the land-to-ports group owned by Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong billionaire. BAe will retain 24 per cent of

Orange, worth £790 million at the projected sale price, while Hutchison's remaining 51 per cent could be worth £1.68 billion. The purpose of the sale is Dresdner Bank-Kleinwort

ORANGE, the mobile phone to put a value on the invest-Benson and Goldman Sachs ments held by BAe and Hut-International, It will be listed in London and the shares will chison, and to raise £500 be traded as American deposimillion to finish the network. Orange, which launched tory receipts in the US.

services less than two years ago, in April 1994, now has 400,000 subscribers, rising by 1,000 a day, said Hans Snook, managing director. But with its El billion UK network only half completed, it is not expected to be in profit until 1998, while shareholders may have to wait until 2000 for dividends, analysts said. Shares will be offered to

many, where it has 108,000. professional investors world-The main focus of the busiwide in a sale co-ordinated by ness will be in Britain, however, where Orange has more than 2,000 employees engaged in the battle to overhaul its main rivals: Cellnet, controlled by British Telecom: Vodatone, a quoted company: and Mercury One-2-One, owned by Cable and Wireless. Valuations are likely to be

The company to be floated,

called Orange plc, will become

the holding company of Hut-chison Telecom UK, which

also offers pager services and acts as a service provider for

Cellnet and Vodasone net-

works. Orange plc will include

service provider operations in

France, where Hutchison has

113,000 subscribers, and Ger-

based upon comparisons with Vodafone, which is capitalised at £6.58 billion. With other businesses stripped out, Vodafone's cellular telephone business, with 2.3 million subscribers, is calculated by Kleinwort Benson to be worth E4.3 billion.

But the price put on Orange will be based heavily upon the likely number of subscribers in the year 2005, when Kleinwort predicts Orange will be serving four million customers. If Orange achieves only three million in ten years, its value could be about £1 billion less than Kleinwort's £3.3 billion "base case", analysts say. But those who believe it will win five million customers may reckon it worth £1 billion more.

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Highland buys Macallan stake

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

HIGHLAND Distilleries, the makers of The Famous Grouse, yesterday took a large stake in Macallan-Glenlivet in a move to spread the company's whisky portfolio. The distiller, which has a

cross-holding with Remy Cointreau from whom it bought the interest, paid £46.6 million for 26 per cent of the equity in Macallan. Since 1994, Highland has been the UK distributor of Macallan. Brian Ivory, chief executive,

said: "We want the interna-tional potential of Macallan. The price is relatively full in terms of price-earnings, but we think it is reasonable in view of the prospects." He said the Macallan single malt would be a good complement to the blended Famous

Grouse. A number of analysts declared the price expensive. Guy Farmer, of Kleinwort Benson, said: "This is seen as quite disappointing. Many people had been hoping Highland's next move would be to bolster its stake in Remy. The price is very full and one that

Highland has an indirect interest of 16.6 per cent in Remy, while the French company holds 10 per cent of Highland. With its interim results last week, Remy pledged to reduce its debt and said it was looking to sell off peripheral interests.

Last year, Highland, which has launched a high-profile advertising campaign for the Grouse label, bought Black Bottle from Allied Domecq for £12.8 million, to increase the variety of its whisky. Yesterday's purchase will be made for cash and be financed by bank borrowings.

In the year to December 31, 1994 Macallan made pre-tax profits of £6.7 million. Unaudited profits before tax for the six months to June 30 were £2.9 million. Its assets then stood at £52.7 million.

Shares in both companies fell back on the deal. Highland lost 6p to 320p as the market responded to the high price and Macallan suffered because the stake was sold at a substantial discount.

The shares were bought for 152.5p by Highland after closing on Friday at 178p. They fell 18p to 160p yesterday.

Farnell expected to announce US acquisition

FARNELL ELECTRONICS, the fastgrowing electronic components distributor, is poised to announce a

substantial acquisition, probably in America (Philip Pangalos writes). Shares in Farnell were suspended yesterday at 679p, at the company's request, capitalising the cash-rich group at about £926 million. Industry experts think Farnell is

likely to announce a "sizeable" acquisi-

tion. Newark and Digi-key, two lead-ing US catalogue distribution groups specialising in electronic components. are the firm favourites. Newark, understood to have annual revenues of about \$500 million, was last night seen as the most likely candidate. Such a deal would probably be

worth in the region of \$800 million to \$900 million, requiring a significant equity issue by Farnell. The Wetherby

group had more than £70 million cash when it unveiled a surge in first-half pre-tax profits to £71.3 million in the six months to July 30, including an exceptional profit of £35.3 million from the £81 million sale of the manufacturing division in March.

Howard Poulson, chief executive, said at the time that the company planned further overseas expansion. Farnell already has operations in 14 countries, and nearly half the group's business is now conducted overseas It launched a catalogue business last summer in the US and Singapore. The group had designed a new catalogue containing 35,000 lines and in October opened a distribution warehouse in South Carolina, initially targeting the East Coast, although orders could be placed by phone or fax from anywhere in the US.



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Record run tempered by renewed bond weakness

another record-breaking run by the London stock market. but it lacked conviction, with share prices closing well below their best of the day.

Equities made a firm start after the weekend break, supported by Wall Street's 60point rise on Friday and the latest GDP figures showing a marked slowdown in growth to justify the decision of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancefor, to cut base rates by a quarter point last week.

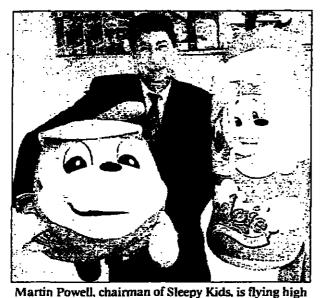
But renewed weakness in the bond market and selling of the financial future turned the tide and left the FT-SE 100 index well off its best at the close. It finished 5.8 up at 3.754.2. having been more than 15 points higher early in the day. Total turnover reached 678 million shares. Once again, there was no

shortage of takeover speculation, with Forte slipping 3p to 373p on turnover of 13 million shares ahead of today's Ipm deadline for Granada's £3.9 billion bid. Last night, brokers were convinced that Mercury Asset Management, Forte's biggest shareholder with a 15 per cent stake, would back Granada, up 2p at 696p.
Standard Chartered rose

5p to 623p after briefly touching 635p on the back of weekend reports that National Westminster Bank was close to launching a bid. There was no comment from either company yesterday, although Standard is no stranger to bid situations. It fought off an unwanted offer from Lloyds Bank back in the 1980s. NatWest fell 8p to 657p.

Asda, the supermarket chain, fell 3p to 108p on learning that Archie Norman had sold a large parcel of shares. He has exercised his options on 2.45 million shares at 36p. The shares were then sold in the market at 110p. He continues to hold a total of 200,820. The sale of the shares has raised fears that Mr Norman may call it a day at Asda. There has been talk that he hopes to stand as an MP in the next General Election.

Shares of Farnell Electronies were suspended at 679p pending an announcement. There is speculation that the group is about to make a major acquisition following the disposal of its manufacturing division for £81 million. two businesses - Combined Precision Components and the



French company Spelec - and

continues to sit on E70 million

British Aerospace climbed 12p to 888p following confirmation that Orange, the mobile phone operator, is to float in March with a price tag of 52.7 billion. Orange is jointly owned by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong and BAe. It is expected that about 25 resulted in Orange joining Vodafone among the top 100 companies. Vodafone finished 5p dearer at 231 bp.

BAe was also powered by talk that a major defence contract was about to be awarded by the Saudi Arabian Government following the ex-pulsion of Saudi dissident Muhammad al-Masari. But news that Daimler-Benz had with-

drawn support for its troubled

Fokker subsidiary left Rolls-

Royce, the aeroengine maker,

Menzies, the newsagent and

newspaper wholesaler.

showed pre-tax profits virtual-

ly halved at £3.8 million. The

group blamed the cost of

Half-year figures from John

32p lower at 1972p.

Brokers reported heavy turnover in Lucas Industries with the price climbing 14p to 202p as 10.44 million shares changed hands. This flurry of activity has been prompted by suggestions that it is close to disposing of its aerospace interests. Analysts say the business could command at least £200 million.

be offered to institutions and private investors. This would reduce Hutchinson Whampoa's stake from 68.5 per cent to about 50 per cent, with BAe down from 31.5 per cent to less than 24 per cent.

At the last count, Orange had more than 400,000 subscribers, a figure which is expected to double within the

restructuring, higher interest rates and low consumer de-

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higher. John Menzies, chair-
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half to those achieved during
the corresponding period last
year, but did not expect to
make up the lost ground. The
shares responded with a fall of

29p to 589p.

WH Smith is reporting tomorrow and is also expected to reveal a decline in profits.

Its shares lost 3p at 406p. Highland Distilleries dipped op to 320p after acquiring a 26 per cent stake in rival Macallan Glenlivet from Remy Cointreau, the French distiller, for £46.6 million. Highland, best known for Famous Grouse scotch whisky, paid 152.5p for the 30.6 million shares. Highland originally sold a 12 per cent stake in Macallan to Remy Cointreau back in 1990.

Lloyds Chemists, currently the target of a bid from UniChem, advanced 11p to 420p, dreaming of a possible counter-bid. Gehe, the German drug supplier, is one

Sleepy Kids, the USMquoted media group, soared 13p to 51p, hoping to glean some benefit from the Duchess of York's deal with US investors over her Budgie the Little Helicopter series. Sleepy Kids has a 15-year worldwide marketing agreement and should benefit from increased merchandising income and television royalties.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices in London opened lower, reflecting similar moves on other European bond markets. But after initial selling, prices rallied to close off the bottom. Later today, the Bank of England will issue details of the next auction, which is expected to be pitched in a range of 2000-2005.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt traded in narrow limits for much of the session before closing £932 lower at £1111316. Trading was half that of Friday, with just 43,000 contracts completed. In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 losi E⁹32 at £103⁷32, while at the shorter end. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost E³16 at El05⁹16. □ NEW YORK: Strength in some cyclicals pushed the Dow Jones industrial average higher at midday, but weakness in bonds kept a lid on the advance. The Dow was up shares inching

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Apples and Orange

into international distribu-

tion deals. Highland reckons

its relationship with Remy Cointreau — from whom it

bought the Macallan interest

- has boosted sales of the

Grouse considerably by

opening important distribu-

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ther enmesh the two com-

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tion channels in Europe.

EXPECTATIONS of the flotation of Orange have been so well embedded into the British Aerospace share price that the mobile phone group had little new to tell the market vesterday. Profit forecasts are clearly out of the question in a start-up venture but Orange will be unable even to spice its prospectus with revenue projections, excluded to comply with American regulators.

Part of the problem facing Orange is the credibility gap left by the cable companies whose shares were sold on the basis of discounted cash flow valuations. The same methodology is being used by analysts to value Orange: the net present value of projected revenues over the next ten years. Orange's backers will point out that, unlike cable operators, mobile phone companies have a proven franchise but even minor

adjustments to the rate at which earnings are discounted will swing the valuation heavily.

At least one house is valuing Orange on this basis at £3.1 billion or some £2.7 billion, less its borrowings. The market values Vodafone with its 2 million-plus subscribers at £6.9 billion (plus debt) or E4.6 billion, less the overseas businesses. It is difficult to square a valuation of £3 billion for only 400,000 Orange subscribers with the market worth of Vodafone's 2 million but the argument is that Vodafone's analogue subscribers will switch to digital systems like Orange.

Initial valuations should be seen as bargaining chips and there is no doubt institutional investors will be talking down the price. As both Hutchison and BAe are not selling shares there is no reason for Orange to be floated at an expensive premium.

stake marks another stage in

Remy's debt reduction pro-

gramme. But investors will

wonder whether the French

got the better end of the

bargain. Malt whiskies are

harder to sell abroad than their blended brethren, and

the international expansion

of the Famous Grouse will

be difficult to replicate with

Macailan-Glenlivet.

Highland

IN A move to expand its portfolio, Highland Distilleries has dug deep into its pocket for a 26 per cent stake in Macallan-Glenlivet.

Highland, producer of the Famous Grouse whisky brand is paying £46.6 million or 31 times earnings for a share in Macallan, a full price to say the least. Highland already distributes Macallan and believes the cost is justified in terms of Macallan's potential and because it broadens the earnings of the distiller across a wider range of whiskies.

The investment will dilute Highland's earnings by about 2 per cent but is part of a larger strategy to build up its portfolio of brands. Hence, the purchase last year of Black Bottle.

Backing up a broader ex-posure is Highland's link

Gas/Scot Hydro

MOVING down the gas chain is the fashion for energy companies. Gas is an attractive and plentiful fuel but difficult and expensive to transport. Oil companies with large gas reserves are seeking to invest in power projects to add value to their assets at a time when gas prices are falling but moving down the chain is not a simple way to maximise returns.

British Gas has more product than it knows what to do with and yesterday took a half share in a proposed combined cycle gas turbine station near Bristol. The base-load fuel will probably be supplied from Scottish Hydro's contract over the Erskine field and BG has agreed a ten-year supply contract to top up Scottish Hydro's gas.

However, the gas market has turned in favour of link as much as half of the

DOLLAR RATES

gas to the electricity price. reckoned to be in a long downward trend.

In the UK, power projects can provide an extra market for gas as well as profits in their own right; BG is con-verting a coal-fired station to gas in Northern ireland. However, there is no certainty of vertical integration abroad. Competition for power projects in the devel-oping world is intense and governments are unlikely to give BG two bites at the

Regal Hotels

THE directors at Regal, the hotel group, certainly know how to conjure up a wizard deal or two. Turning a debt-ridden shell of a company into a viable hotel group in just three years requires some deft manoeuvres. Yesterday, with just one more wave of its wand. Regal quadrupled its size and earned

White Hart chain is a good fit with Regal's existing hotels and many of its managers have first-hand experience of running the hotels as former

Forte employees.
But celebrations are premature; by this evening the deal may disappear in a puff of smoke and Regal will return to its role as hotel minnow. Success is dependent on the outcome of the Granada bid for Forte today, although Granada has not ruled out sanctioning the sale if it wins. Equally, Regal is not disclosing how it will finance the purchase.

So far the company has built its business with acquisition backed by frequent share issues.

The £122 million purchase price is almost three times Regal's stock market value and suggests a substantial tranche of Regal paper is on its way. Until the full details emerge shareholders may

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Archer in the frame for win

LORD ARCHER is counthectic week. He started playing the money mar-kets and then came up trumps when he boughtand sold a painting by Edward Arizzone (who illustrated Henry Cecil Leon's books).

The flurry of investment activity was part of a competition for the April issue of Esquire magazine. Lord Archer said: "I don't think I'm winning — it's one of those gambles: I' only lasted two minutes on was a bit lucky because the Chancellor brought the in-terest rate down a 4 of a per cent, and I made £541

'I bought an Arrizone for £550, and sold it for

Financial consultant Jeff Randall joined, Lord Archer on the money mar-kets. Reputed millionaire Eddie Ford, who owns a pawnbroking empire, set up a charity to raise money

for cancer research. Eddy Shah won in 1993 from games of golf and roulette. He finished £592

Close run thing

INSTITUTIONAL Forte shareholders thinking of keeping Granada guess-ing until the last moment on whether they are going to accept its takeover offer should ensure they have messengers who are fleet of foot. Acceptances of Granada's offer have to be lodged at Barclays Registrars, 8 Angel Court. Throgmorton Street, by lpm today. There are no excuses for being late.



"Holy smoke — it's a reverse takeover"

Savoy tribute

ANYONE wondering why the flags were flying at half-mast at The Savoy should know that it was in respect for Lord Home of the Hirsel the former Prime Minister, in whose memory a service of thanksgiving was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday.

Getting the pip ORANGE has signed up

an impressive list of banks to support its forthcoming flotation. However, it's said that Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will not be lending its weight to one of the largest new issues this year ... because of the presence of that other Anglo-German, Dresdner Bank Kleinwort Benson, as lead manager alongside Goldman Sachs.

Halo, halo ...

FROM sinners to saints the former head of MI6. Sir Colin McCell, is joining the board of The Scottish American Investment Company, aka 'Saints'', as a non-execu-

In style

LONDON'S Landmark Hotel, formerly the Regent, is offering from today a collection of "great escapes" which should appeal to National Lottery winners and the highly stressed. Top of the pile is the Ultimate Escape at £3,500 a night, which includes viritage Dom Perignon, Beluga caviar and a private Bentley

COLIN CAMPBELL

Buoyant export market key to fulfilling growth target

Philip Bassett and Ross

Tieman assess

the 'slippage' in order books

hen Britain's announce today the latest temperature-taking industrial trends survey from

the Confederation of British Industry, the Government and the City will be keen to see whether the real economy is still taking a breather, or sliding towards recession. The confidence of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in

agreeing with the Governor of the Bank of England a second quarter-point cut in interest rates last week suggests they think the economy needs only a further touch on the tiller. The last CBI survey, in

October, contained enough to make business leaders start to feel nervous: in particular, the 3 per cent balance of companies surveyed reporting that domestic orders were falling the first negative figure for UK order books since spring 1993. after the trough of the recession had bottomed out.

But last week's similar

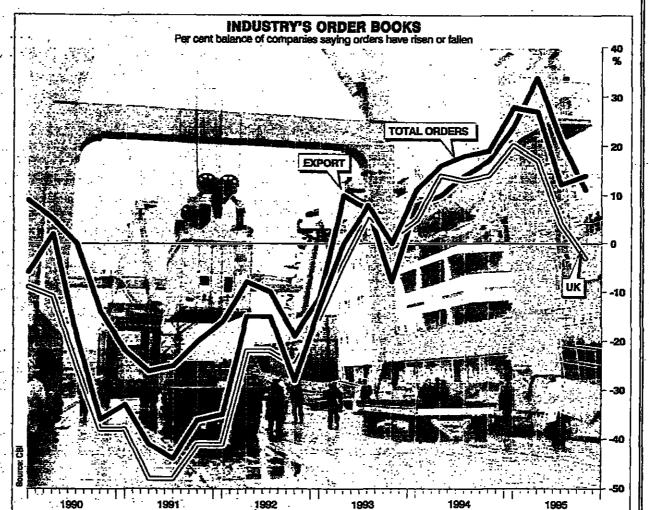
large-scale industrial survey from the British Chambers of Commerce was more sanguine. After months of increasingly anguished noises about the economy, Chambers' leaders were taking a more placid line. The particular signifi-cance of today's CBI figures will lie in the suggestion that the real driver of Britain's recovery - exports - may now be easing back, or worse,

as overseas markets tighten.

Since the low point of the recession, industry and services have told two stories. For companies operating wholly or mainly in UK markets, the idea of a recovery is largely a joke. For them, the recession has barely ended, if at all. High street retailers, consumer goods sellers, the construction industry: anything resting on British buyers alone has had a hard time. At the same time, companies with any kind of worthwhile export business, or firms servicing exporting centicals or carmaking, have

been doing a great deal better than those without. The accompanying graphic, using figures drawn from the detail of the CBI's surveys, tells the two stories. Total orders show British manufacturing industry hauling itself slowly back from the bottom in mid-1991, moving into growth two years ago. The graph for domestic orders suggests a tougher time of it. The recession cut much deeper, the recovery was weaker, and the falling away of orders since then, now actually drop-

ping, much more precipitate Exports, though, were never hit as hard in the first place, and once Britain's ERM ad-



venture was abandoned. growth was much sharper. But over the past six months back, with the balance of companies — those reporting an increase in orders set against those registering a fall that are recording rising exports falling away from 34 pr cent last April to 21 per cent manufacturing create alarm and sap consumer confidence. in the summer and II per cent by October.

"We are still very bullish," says Ian Campbell, Director-General of the Institute of Export, which expects Government figures later this year to show that total UK exports amount to about £150 billion for 1995 — up some 10 per cent or so on even the previous year, which ministers proclaimed as a record. He accepts the export boom has now 'fallen off", but adds: "We don't see it falling back."

Even so, economic analysts see the slippage as worrying. partly because the prospects for exports seem to be worsening, if anything, as a number of key rarget markets see their own economies faltering.

Continental Europe now buys 57 per cent of United Kingdom exports, according to the Department of Trade and Industry. And there, the two biggest economies are faltering. France, where the Government's determination to pull the economy towards meeting the demands of the Maastricht convergence criteria, is cited as a less likely export goal now, as is Germany, where economic slowdown has been unexpected in its timing and its force. The French authorities are

forecasting a pick-up during

the second half of the year, but political uncertainty, the strong franc and inflexible labour markets continue to cast a shadow over economic prospects. It is a similar tale in Germany, where the pace of industrial restructuring in response to the strong mark is gathering pace. Job losses in

UK exporters have been taking up ministers' exhortations to find markets beyond Europe. Evidence to be published at the end of the month by the carriage company DHL, is expected to show some significant rises in the proportion of exports going to

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non-EU markets. Exports to the Asia-Pacific region, for instance, are expected to be up from 30 to 35 per cent of the

from India to China, remains formidably strong. British companies have discovered new markets there, for the full range of British exports. Even British Steel has been reporting strong growth in sales to the region, despite the geographical proximity of the powerful Japanese and Korean steel industies.

Last year the CBI and the DTI made Latin America, and

particularly the new customs union of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, the focus of a drive to find new export markets. But emerging markets will be hard pressed to keep export growth from slackening as European demand slows. Nor can North America, one of Britain's biggest trading part-ners, be relied upon, in election year especially, to provide the necessary stimulus.

increased difficulties in European markets mean that many forecasters are suggesting that, this year, domestic growth is central to any rebound in the UK economy from what business leaders have been hoping is genuinely a pause for breath. Earlier this month, for instance, Ernst & Young in its ITEM forecast. using the Treasury's economic model, suggested that if UK demand does not push up, then prospects for hitting the Chancellor's overall growth target of 3 per cent are slim and growth may end up half that rate, or less.

But many industries are sceptical that their own growth will be as strong as that. In printing, for instance, after what, in the main, was a good year in 1995, general printers are still optimistic about this year — but that optimism is heavily tinged with caution. The British Printing Industries Federation has seen its state-of-trade figures slin back from an 80 per cent balance a year ago to a quarter of that now - and only 3 per cent of companies expect improving trade over

In chemicals, the industry where Britain maintain's its



George pays unfair price

t takes a long time to build up anti-inflation credibility and a dishearteningly short time to destroy it. Two years on, Eddie George is grimly counting the cost of signing up for the system of monthly meetings with published minutes, a halfway house he hoped would lead to full in-

He no longer has the luxury of silence, which British central bankers have customarily enjoyed. His wordless tetchiness since last week's base rate cut has left a vacuum for speculation and been roundly criticised. He has been overruled by the Chancelior twice so far - probably three times counting last highlight that monetary policy remains in the hands of politicians, as ever. But it is worse to have one's advice turned down in public than

The knife has been given an additional twist by the markets, which are now cheering each decision that Kenneth Clarke makes, whether or not the Governor agrees. Mr George has made one perceived misjudgment and has paid disproportionately.

biggest balance of trade sur-

plus, the UK industry may be

ahead of the cycle of others.

chemical exports all but disap-

peared, the industry is

projecting a small increase in

exports of about 2 per cent -

though this is well behind the

projected export performance

of counterparts in the princi-

But that is enough to gener-

ate at least some optimism in

the industry. Richard Free-

man, ICI's chief economist,

says that the slight accelera-

tion of chemical growth across

Europe as a whole "provides

the rationale for stating that

the slowdown over the last six

months or so represents a

new recession".

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There are two arguments in the Bank's defence. First, it has an absurdly narrow remit to base its advice solely on the likelihood of hitting the inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less in two years' time. Secondly, it has been less pessimistic about inflation than the majority of private economists. But none of this counts in Mr George's favour because the economics went against him. Making policy in pub-

lie is a tough game.

Given the lags between rate moves and their effects, pause — and not a slide into a Aerospace, our number two and given shortening odds export earner, is only at the on an early election, Mr start of its cyclical upturn after George has very little chance a four-year slump. Recovery at to even up the score. Even if his cautious stance on rates the back end of the year will feed through into British turns out to have been right. the proof is not likely to Concern over the fading come soon enough to bolster

pace of export growth may his position. turn out to be overdone. Onti It seems unlikely that be mism about a domestic recovcan now claw his way back ery may prove undeserved. to something like equality with the current Chancellor. One thing is sure. In the coming months, many British So the best chance for the companies will be listening Governor's rehabilitation very closely to their customers may be with an incoming in Britain and overseas mar-Labour Government, parakets before fixing their producnoid about the past's wilful

attacks on sterling and therefore desperate for the conferred credibility that the Bank of England can offer. It is no doubt true that

Gordon Brown would have to tread a little more carefully than the master salesman Kenneth Clarke. Mr Clarke has a usefully combative style and at least has a chance to prove he has sound instincts. Mr Brown has no such brownie points and belongs to the Labour Party to boot, surely still anathema to City die-hards.

But the case for Mr actually not that strong. If they concern themselves with such details, Labour's strategists would have been happy to see the reaction of to last week's base rate cut. Sterling futures, which offer the best guide to market expectations of interest rates, showed that even at the end of 1997, rates are expected to be no higher than 6.7 per cent, less than half a point higher than

Given that betting folk expect Labour to be in power by then, there is no scent of the market panic that has invariably greeted incoming Labour governments. If Labour has no need to be defensive, this leaves Mr George vulnerable.

Mr Brown has two conditions before any further power could be conceded to the Bank. The first is that the group of officials making rate decisions be broadened and de-personalised. That may suit Mr George. The second is that the Bank must be seen to have built up a good track record of advice. Mr George may feel less comfortable with that.

> is perceived public misjudgments have arguably put off the when Labour might cede power over monetary policy, even assuming it wants to after 15 years of not having any. The markets may even give Mr Brown some benefit of the doubt. Mr George is clearly safe until mid-1988, when his contract is due for renewal. But Howard Davies, a more obviously palatable

animal for Labour tastes, is

waiting in the wings and is

not a man used to being

second in command.

Ross Tieman on Daimler's unkindest cut

Fokker left without cash prop

Daimler-Benz chief, succeeded yesterday where Biggles, every British schoolboy's favourite air ace, aiways fziled. He downed Fokker, plane-maker that put Baron von Richthofen in the air. For the 7,900 workers at the

Dutch regional aircraft-mak-er, Herr Schrempp's decision to sever the financial lifeline is a disaster. It will be a concern, too, for Rolls-Royce, which earns £100 million a year from the Tay engines it sells to power the 30 or 40 Fokker jets built every year.
For the hundreds of employ-

ees at Short Brothers in Belfast, who build the wings for Fokker's F-70 and F-100 jets, it could spell the dole queue. Fokker's jets are put together in the old-fashioned, labourintensive way, each wing held together by 25,000 rivets.

The failure to substitute machines for high-cost labour. particularly in The Netherlands, has brought the company to its knees. Despite a proud history. Fokker has found itself too small and too poorly funded to thrive.

In 1993, Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) agreed to acquire a controlling 51 per cent stake in Fokker for 686 guilders (£274 million). The transaction was only partly completed: the Dutch state still holds a minority of the shares. The deal was part of strategic moves by



Jürgen Schrempp, left, in Stuttgart yesterday, with Manfred Gentz and Manfred Bischoff

Daimler designed to turn Dasa into Europe's leading aerospace business. It assembled Dornier, the turboprop manufacturer, MTU in jet engines, a helicopter business and a powerful warplane ac-tivity to underpin its 37.8 per cent stake in Airbus.

But the rapidly increasing strength of the German mark and guilder against the US dollar, in which civil aircraft are priced, began to tear this

rickety jigsaw apart.
A battle with BAe's Avro subsidiary for rising order volumes left Fokker selling planes below the cost of production. Despite shedding 3,900 workers in the past three years, Fokker still contrived to lose 651 million guilders during the first half of last year. With shareholders' funds effectively wiped out, the company was technically bankrupt Only Dasa's financial lifeline kept it going until talks with the Dutch Government about a huge cash injection collapsed on Friday. During the first half, Dasa lost DM1.6 billion, including

DM12 bn of provisions. It plans to shed 9,000 workers. Talks with BMW Rolls-Royce, about the possible sale of its jet engine business, appear to have collapsed because of MTU's close ties with Pratt & Whitney. But the pledge by Manfred Bischoff, the Dasa chief, to concentrate on Airbus puts the future of Dornier's turboprops into doubt.

Daimler is now facing a 1995 loss of DM6 billion including provisions of DM2.3 billion to end its responsibilities at Fokker. Daimler's ambitions to be an "integrated technology concern* have foundered. It is retreating to its core car and truck business: putting its railway business into a joint venture with ABB, radically restructuring its AEG electrical arm.

British Aerospace could be the real winner from Daimler's travails. It is now leading the restructuring of Europe's aerospace and defence industry, from which it appears poised to emerge as the dominant player, perhaps in partnership with Aerospatiale and Dassault of France.

NEW INTEREST RATES

New Business Rates effective from Friday 19th January 1996		Gross %	Gross CAR %
Honey Waster	Up to £5,000	2.83	2.85
	£5,000+	3.07	3.10
	£25,000+	3.37	3.40
	£100,000+	3.56	3.60
	£250,000+	3.80	3.85
Premium Business Account	£5,000+	4.17	4.25
	£25,000+	4.65	4.75
	£100,000+	4.89	5.00
	£250,000+	5.13	5.25
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	£100,000+	4.46	4.50
Treuserer Account	Up to £2,000	1.00	1.00
	£2,000+	1.49	1.50
	£10,000+	3.45	3.50
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Gross: The rate before the deduction of income tax. CAR: Compounded Annual Rate, or the true Gross return taking into account the frequency of interest payments. All rates are quoted per annum. With effect from 18th January 1996 Base Rate was reduced by 0.25% to 6.25%.

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HUNT FOR THE MISSING MILLIONS: PART THREE

The Big Man juggled debts like clubs

Melvyn Marckus

reveals how

Arthur Andersen's

'untouchables'

unravelled Maxwell's web

The Serious Fraud Office's' investigation into the MCC share support operation represented the fourth aspect of its inquiry into the Maxwell scandal. Already under investigation were the affairs of First Tokyo Investment Trust, acquired by MCC in the summer of 1991. and the black holes in the MCC and MGN pension funds.

The crash of Maxwell's private empire preceded the collapse of MCC, under a debt burden of £2.5 billion, by some two weeks. MCC, whose principal assets included publishers Macmillan Inc and Official Airline Guides, filed a petition under Chapter II of the US Bankruptcy Code in mid-December. Kevin Maxwell had been succeeded as chairman by Peter Laister, former head of Thorn FMI, Jan Maxwell had bowed out of the boardroom as had non-executive director Peter Walker MP, of Slater Walker fame. A trio of Price Waterhouse partners, led by Mark Homan. were appointed joint administrators in the UK

It did not take the untouchables, spearheaded by Chris Currington and Leonie Grimes. long to ascertain that the accounting records of Maxwell's 400 business offshoots were incomplete, unreliable and widely dispersed. The only option was to recreate proper records, working back from 1991, in order to trace funds and identify assets. Currington emon this daunting but essential reconstruction plan just before Christmas.

The untouchables, in constant liaison with Talbot, worked patiently in their own peculiar dark room: a place where negatives were developed by a process of analysis. "Follow the money" is the first rule in any financial investigation. Fund flows, in and out of the Maxwell maze, were diligently traced. As the flows were charted, the analysts initially focused on sums above £10 million. The learn that recreated the accounts had to work faster than the analysts to allow John Talbot to appreciate the nature of the transactions between the holding companies and the trading offshoots. Such information was vital if the trading businesses were to be sold. Little by little. the analysis tightened the EIO

By the third week of January. Talbot was satisfied that all the major fund flows had been maced. Currington had also convinced him that cash was not being diverted into one of Maxwell's mysterious offshore havens. By now, the untouchables had identified more than 500 avenues of inquiry. Each of these required in death investigarion before funds could be recovered or the probe brought to a close. According to Grimes: Some targets were easy, such as a potential VAT refund. Sometimes we discovered that a subsidiary held shares that we

MANAGED FUNDS SHARES COMMUNICATIONS MANAGED FUNDS OTHERS GROUP **NEWSPAPERS** CORPORATION LENDING SHARES AND CASH LENDING **MAXWELL PRIVATE COMPANIES COLLATERAL MCC SHARES** CASH **BANKS** STOCK LENDING **INDIVIDUALS & OFFSHORE ENTITIES** CASH DISCLOSED SHARE OPTION PURCHASE TRADING LOSSES SERVICE BANK DEBT INVESTMENTS NOMINEES **MAXWELL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** MIRROR GROUP NEWSPAPERS SHARE PURCHASES

The Maxwell Maze, which was discovered by the "untouchables", shows a circuitous flow of funds, much of which was used to finance share purchases of MCC and MGN

had not been aware of. Then we would obtain an administration order over the subsidiary and release the shares. These were obvious targets, with guaran-teed pay backs. We clocked up about £10 million of recoveries the easy way. But the investigation was always self-funding. even when we got around to the hard things."

As the untouchables got around to the hard things. millions of pieces of paper. which filled more than 1.000 crates, were labourously sifted. Working with a legal team from Allen & Overy, led by Kate Buckley, the unit embarked on more than 100 visits and interviews, spanning the UK, Liechtenstein. Switzerland and the US. As Currington puts it: "We discovered that some of the people associated with Maxwell's empire suffered from a sort of selective amnesia."

Hundreds of millions of pounds were missing from the "private side" pension funds and more than EL3 billion had disappeared from MGN and MCC. During the early stages of the investigation it appeared to Currington, from the outflows, that Maxwell had "lent" many of these millions to US. Swiss and Liechtenstein offshoots. If cash was stashed in Liechtenstein or Switzerland. recovery would prove that much more difficult because of respective banking secrecy laws. With such anxieties in mind. Talbot dispatched Currington to Liechenstein to discover wheth-

er funds were lying in Liechenstein bank accounts. Currington's visit was not without its problems. Liechtenstein's secrecy laws inevitably tended to deter officials and others from cooperating. Nor. for that matter, were those linked to Maxwell's empire overly keen to discuss such links. Despite this, Currington soon ascertained that the Swiss and Liechenstein companies involved in the fund flows had been little more than "shells". used to disguise Maxwell's clandestine share purchases.

Not only did UK insolvency laws not apply but Currington found that the fact that Arthur Andersen partners were UK Court appointed officers meant that merely being in the principality, let alone asking questions, could be deemed a criminal offence. This booby trap, relating to a law dating from the second world war, was carefully designed: answering questions could also be a criminal offence. In Currington's words: "Interviews had to be conducted sensitively. Further down the line, at-

tempts were made to intimidate

Currington and Talbot. During

subsequent visits to Europe they were reminded of the criminal sanctions that could apply if they were found to be breaking banking secrecy laws. Several of the parties that co-operated in discussions were equally conpossibility of criminal sanctions. Currington remarks dryly: "Visits to certain jurisdictions were carried out on a day trip basis." Werner Keicher, sole trustee of the Maxwell Foundation close to the apex of Maxwell's pyramid - broke with Liechenstein's passion for secrecy by holding a press conference in Vaduz in the summer of 1992. Keicher's firm. Allgemeines Treuunternehmen (General Trust Company), which employs lawyers as trustees to funds, confirmed that it repre-sented various "stiftungs"

(trusts) connected with Robert

Maxwell, including Alandra.

Baccano, Kiara, Jungo, Corra

er's camp. the trusts' assets. which included more than 10 million shares in MCC and MGN, were under investigation. The Maxwell Foundation controlled Swico Anstalt, another Liechtenstein holding company. Swico owned Yakosa Finanzierungs AG, a Swiss trust, and held minority interests in RMG, the parent of MGN, and Headington Investments. Swico also owned 89 per cent of Sphere, a Californianbased manufacturer of computer games, and 100 per cent of PH (US) Inc. a New York-based shell company registered in Delaware. "Phusi", of which Robert Maxwell was a former director, was a "private, pri-

vate" aspect of the empire, shel-

tered in Liechenstein and

and Akim. According to Keich-

of the Russett job, Currington's investigators worked closely with Buckley's crew. What emerged from the dark room was a picture of a desperate financier performing a juggling act with debts rather than clubs. As the debt became more unserviceable, so the act became more hazardous. The once raptuous applause of bankers had died down. Maxwell was on a highwire that the high priests of finance had taken to shaking. It became clear that Maxwell's relationships with his bankers, during 1990 and 1991, had become visibly strained. Pressure had mounted for him to reduce the level of borrowings in his business empire. To some extent this was achieved by major dispos-

Maxwell identified the firms that could survive without cash. These were sold to help replenish the drip

beyond the UK's jurisdiction. To all intents and purposes. Phusi was the US treasury arm of the press baron's "private side". As Talbot subsequently informed the Commons Social Security Committee some £25 million flowed out to Phusi in 1991. The untouchables, frustrated in their attempts to probe Phusi and Sphere, embarked on legal action. Section 304 of the US Bankruptey Code allows foreign administrators to demand information from the directors of associated companies and, in August 1992. Currington's unit gained the powers to examine the books and interview the directors of both companies.

Although accountant/lawver relationships came under strain

als such as the £440 million sale of Pergamon Press to Elsevier. the Dutch publisher, in March 1991, swiftly followed by the E600 million flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers. The borrowings of Maxwell's private companies were collateralised with shares in the public companies - MCC and MGN and shares in Blue Chip equities sourced from various "private side" companies. As the share prices fluctuated on the stock market, the level of collateral required to support the bank loans altered in reverse ratio. When MCC's and MGN's shares came under pressure, the tap, tap of bankers at the door grew louder. Maxwell had two

choices. He could either raise

disposals. It also featured a flow of shares and cash between the private companies, the MCC/-MGN "twins", the pension fund management companies, particularly Bishopsgate Investment Management, and any other "private side" companies that. held shares. The predominantly blue chip shares were "lent" from BIM to the private companies. In exchange, BIM received shares in MCC as security for the stock lending. The blue chip shares transferred from BIM to Maxwell's private domain radiated the glow of highly acceptable collateral against which new bank loans could be raised. In the

attempt to support the share

prices of the publicly quoted

"twins". Never one to do things by halves, the Big Man attempted to do both. Maxwell's jug-

gling act was not limited to

event, the private companies were able to convert such new found assets into cash at up to 90 per cent of their market value. But. to meet bank requirements, constant adjustments to the collateral were required, in line with rises and falls in the share prices. To keep the clubs in the air, Maxwell organised a continual movement of shares which were lent from company to company and moved from bank to bank. Cash raised on the back of the blue chip collateral mingled with cash which flowed into the "private side" from other sources such as asset disposals. The money then embarked on a strange journey of a circuitous nature.

Maxwell's 400 private companies - many of which involved loss making business ventures - displayed an insatiable appetite for cash. To all intents and purposes. Maxwell created an intravenous drip

carrying on an international business. Thousands of transactions were uncovered involving different rhythms played to the same theme. Currington's perspective is that Maxwell "didn't differentiate" between his businesses. "It wasn't an issue. They were all his and he was Maxwell". Substantial sums of cash found their way to companies beyond the UK's jurisdiction. The cash was then used to purchase shares in MCC or MGN although such transactions were not declared to the London Stock Exchange. In view of the fact that the share purchases were registered in the names of off-shore entities and Liechtenstein-based Stiftungs. this served to create the illusion for MCC and MGN. It was this illusion that helped

things, was not an abnormal state of affairs for a company

to keep the respective share prices higher than they might have been. The support operation was vital to Maxwell's MCC and MGN fell significantly, banks holding the shares as collateral would demand loan repayments to match the ero sion of their security.

axwell did not have the cash resources to make such repayments. In the absence of repayments, the bankers would sell the shares to clear their exposure. This, in turn, would have caused further falls in MCC's and MGN's share prices. As Currington remarks: "It would have unleashed a tiger to chase its own tail." Such was the financial nightmare that haunted Maxwell. The Liechtenstein MCC and MGN shares had ly controlled by Maxwell. By way of a climax to the highwire act, the Stiftungs joined in the accepted City practice of stock lending. They lent the MCC and MGN stock they had acquired (paid for by the private com-panies) back to the private companies. This stock was then lent to BIM as security for more blue chips. These blue chips were then released to the private companies to follow the same tortuous route as the blue chips that had gone before.

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These companies, high in the

pyramid, effectively collected a pool of cash and blue chip shares from all available

sources and directed distribu-

tions to companies in the private

empire or overseas havens. The

cash trail was disguised by

mixing funds from various

sources and was further compli-

cated by the extensive use of

foreign exchange transactions.

By way of example, Robert Maxwell Group would buy US

dollars in a foreign exchange

(forex) deal. The dollars would

be for immediate delivery and

would promptly be passed on

through the private companies.

But the sterling leg of the transaction would not be settled

at this stage, the effect being that

the "unsettled" aspect of the

forex deal created a temporary.

albeit expensive, extra facility.

Eventually, Robert Maxwell

Group - or any private or public company with any cash

would settle the transaction,

either with funds received from

a similar transaction, or

through its own overdraft facili-

ties. All that was apparent, from

sums, in different currencies,

As Currington's untouchables

In a desperate attempt to preserve his vast array of bric-aproperties, football clubs, boats and planes - Maxwell poured billions of pounds through the drip feed. In 1991 alone, some £3.5 billion worth of funds and stock flowed through his corporate maze. Officially, Maxwell's "private side" controlled 68 per cent of MCC. In the event, all of MCC's equity, bar a handful of shares, ended up under Max-

well's control. Maxwell also brought his own special brand of accounting to the propping-up party. MCC's foreign exchange profits soared from £5.2 million to £80.7 million in 1991, courtesy of £35 million worth of gains which the untouchables were unable to reconcile. To balance this forex factor, Maxwell had to inject more cash: a sure sign that the support of MCC's share price was perceived as paramount. Currington reflects: "He had a strong emotional attachment to

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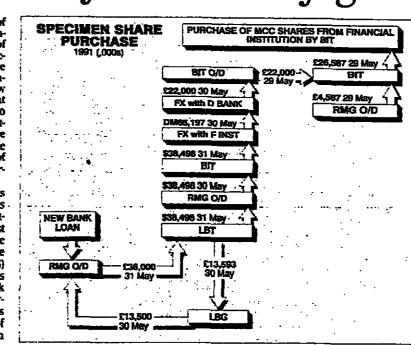
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The diagram illustrates a series of deals unravelled by the untouch-. ables during the first ten days of the investigation. This specimen transaction is based on data submitted to the Commons Social Security Select Committee in the Autumn of 1992. The flow shows the funding of a transaction that involved the purchase of MCC shares. To understand the flow, it must be appreciated that the logic runs from this share purchase. The inconsistencies in the timing of the flow stem from the use of foreign exchange (forex) deals and over-

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The \$38.5 million was provided by BIT.

which the day before had received the sum from an overdrawn RMG bank



account. RMG replenished its overdraft with funds from London & Bishopsgate Trading. On the previous day, May 30, LBT had passed £13.6 million to London & Bishopsgate Group which, in turn, passed £13.5 million to reduce RMG's overdraft, retaining the £100,000 balance. These funds, together with funds obtained from a new bank facility secured by shares, enabled RMG to pay

£36 million to LBT to complete the loop.

This chain of transactions, among more

than 10,000 analysed during the first six months of the investigation, involved: four private companies (some more than once); four banks and financial institutions and three currency switches. The end result was that £26.5 million worth of MCC shares were acquired at a cost of close on £27 million (£4.6 million plus £36 million. minus £13.59 million).

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Roger Barry on the failures of a system that rates insurance cover above life



Death takes a back seat

whether there should be a new

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ew people would con-sider a £200 fine appropriate for a driver who crashed into and killed two tecnagers walking along a pavement. But that was the punishment, together with eight penalty points, for James Inglis after he drove into two army cadets in the West Yorkshire town of South Elmsall just before Christmas.

The penalty triggered public outrage, especially as the driver did not have insurance (for which he was fined £360). The fines were not exceptionally lenient — British courts rou-tinely impose fines of £200 or less on drivers who kill on the

The case highlights the fundamental flaws in a legal system that allows almost all drivers who kill to escape full have caused. In February last year Inglis fell asleep at the wheel and swerved into a group of army cadets walking home. One, Gareth Horton, 14, died soon after the crash, and Gavin Parsons, 17, died a week later. A third cadet, thrown over a wall, suffered serious leg and arm injuries.

Inglis said he had been working a string of 12-hour shifts and that just before the crash he had driven with the demister on and the car window onen to ward off drowsiness. He pleaded guilty to a charge of "driving without due care and attention".

Drivers responsible for deaths on the road usually face either this charge or the more serious "causing death by dangerous driving". The more serious charge carries a maximum of ten years' jail and a

driving ban, but under it the police and Crown Prosecution Service must prove that an offender's driving fell far below what could be expected from a competent and careful driver.

There are no fixed criteria for determining exactly what constitutes "competent and careful" driving or what falls far below it - an omission easily exploited by defence lawyers - so the more serious charge is rarely used.

Many drink-drivers responsible for a death are prosecut-. ed under the more serious charge, so the penalties are higher. But most drivers who kill on the road are charged

charge, concluding that "it was wrong in principle to look at consequences, rather than culpability, as an ingredient of an offence" and that "carelessness might amount to no more than a minor error of judgment or a moment's inatten-

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But speeding involves a wilful disregard of the law; and 70 per cent of drivers routinely exceed the 30mph limit in urban areas. Yet the likelihood of the police prosecuting a motorist for driving 10 mph over the limit in an urban area is slim. The prospect of such a driver being charged with "causing death by dangerous driving" after a fatal crash is virtually nil.

The criteria used to determine "competent and careful" driving seem therefore to have shifted because of the large number of offending motorbecomes accepted. Drink-driving would not be considered "safe" just because most motorists were guilty of it. But that is what has happened

with speeding.
Road Peace, the national charity that campaigns for safer roads and offers support to crash victims, argues that tougher laws and police action against drink-drivers are proof that such measures can reduce danger. Deaths caused by drink-driving have more than halved over the past ten

Campaigners say that these ment action. The authorities must stop regarding the annual toll of more than 300,000 dead and injured on the roads

as inevitable. Stricter law en-

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more accountable. There should also be a review of the way road death is treated by the authorities; a system that considers a driver's failure to have car insurance to be more serious than the deaths of two people is patently immoral. Calls are growing for the introduction of a new charge - "motor manslaughter" or "causing death by driving" — which would strip away the current two-tier system and give equal weight in law to all road deaths resulting from negligent or

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bad driving.

Can a President be legally immune?

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Bill Clinton could have hoped for better timing. As the 1996 election year unfolds, he finds himself defending sexual harassment charges over an alleged incident which occurred before he took office. The lawsuit, brought by Paula Corbin Jones, had been lost in the shuffle until a St Louis Federal Appeals Court held on January 9 that the President is not immune from suit for his unofficial acts, and that the action should proceed. The Supreme Court had previously held in another case, Nixon v Fitzgerald, that the President is absolutely immune from civil liability for his official acts as a functionally mandated incident of the President's unique office, rooted in the constitutional tradition of separation of powers and supported by our history". The appeals court rejected arguments by the President's lawyers that presidential immunity required that the suit be stayed until Mr

The Jones case would be largely without public interest but for the celebrity of Mr

Clinton and the sensational nature of the allegations. At the same time, the legal issues in the case are obscured by the realpolitik - whether the judicial process will work fast enough for the case to be tried before the presidential election. The facts are these: the state

Clinton left office.

agency where Ms Jones was employed sponsored a Governor's Quality Management conference at the Excelsion Hotel in Little Rock. Mr Clinton, then Governor of Arkansas, addressed the Conference. Ms Jones's story is that at about 230pm that day an Arkansas state trooper asked her to visit Clinton in his

"business suite" at the Excelsior. She claims she went, hoping for "an enhanced employment opportunity". In the hotel room, she alleges, she met Clinton who made sexual advances towards her which she resisted. As a result of this 15-minute encounter, she claims that she lost employment opportunities with the State of Arkansas and is entitled to \$750,000 (£497,000) in compensatory and punitive damages.

Ms Jones's suit was filed just as the threeyear statute of limitations was about to expire. The President has categorically denied all particulars of the incident. The core legal issue is whether Ms Jones is entitled to immediate discovery and trial or whether the action should be stayed until Mr Clinton leaves office. The President's lawyer, Robert Bennett, whose bills have left Mr Clinton "close to bankruptcy", argued successfully in the lower court that Mr Clinton enjoys a temporary immunity from suit, contending that there is a tremendous unfairness in distracting the President over even a plausible allegation

relating to conduct which is claimed to have

occurred before he took office. Mr Bennett's argument is, of course, exaggerated. Mr Clinton is not being asked to spend 3h5 days a year testifying. Moreover, no legal precedent exists to support Mr Bennett's position. While the Constitution is silent on the point, the Supreme Court has held that the President has absolute immunity from civil liability for his official decisions, but has never passed on the issue of whether the President has immunity for private conduct. The Constitution expressly grants immunity to members of Congress while on the flour or going and coming therefrom. But Mr Bennett argues for an even broader implied immunity for the President.

No previous President has ever claimed an immunity for unofficial conduct. Were such an immunity to be recognised, it would follow. for example, that the President might avoid debts incurred before taking office or liability for personal injury inflicted before taking office. If a president is too busy with the

problems of state to testify at a deposition or defend himself from civil suits, how can be justify taking holidays, attendance at musical events or jogging? Does the President's immunity extend to his spouse as well? Does Mr Bennett contend that Mrs Clinton is as immune as the President? Mrs Clinton is also busy tending to the problems of the nation. And does immunity cover the White House staff? Does it cover criminal as well as civil wrongdoing, including acts occurring before he took office?

And what of Ms Jones's case against Trooper Ferguson, Mr. Clinton's co-defendant, who al-

legedly set up the encounter. Is that case to be stayed as well? Does presidential immunity also extend to the President's former bodyguards? The appeals court held it did not.

The court may, understandably, wish to spare the nation the lurid spectacle of discovery and trial in a sensational case against a sitting President; but Ms Jones, lest we forget, has a constitutional right to her timely day in court. Though Mr Bennett dismissed Ms Jones and her story as "tabloid trash", justice is supposed to be blind to the status of the plaintiff as well as the defendant. and all are supposed to be equal under the law. Courts often stay actions for periods of time, pending some future happening which may dispose of the entire controversy; it is this legal manoeuvring that takes time. However unjust the result, it seems highly unlikely that the case of Paula Corbin Jones against William Jefferson Clinton will be tried before the November election. ■ The author is a partner in Brown & Wood, a New

BRITAIN'S ROAD TOLL

figures): 3,650; Drivers charged in the Crown Courts of England and Wales with "causing death by dangerous driving": 338;
 Number of convictions on this charge: 234

with "careless driving". Mag-istrates say that, under this charge, they cannot take account of any fatality and must look only at the driving error itself: ie, a motorist who kills an innocent party through negligent driving can be sen-tenced for that driving only. and not for the death that results from it. The magistrates maintain that the death is a disproportionately tragic consequence of a small driving

There are no figures to show how many drivers involved in fatal collisions are charged with "careless driving", which covers a multitude of driving tion, and the offence should not be made more serious because a death resulted".

The maximum sentence for "careless driving" is a £2,500 fine and a driving ban. However, fines imposed on drivers who have killed hardly ever-exceed 10 per cent of this maximum.

The authorities would have us believe that all but about 300 of the thousands of road deaths a year result from minor errors of judgment. Speeding, the most common offence committed in Britain, illustrates the absurdity of this. Though excessive speed accounts for more than 1,200

years. Yet six in every seven road deaths are caused by irresponsible sober drivers. offenders should now also be the focus of concerted govern-

Quibbling about a QC ALL THE to-ings and fro-ings

at the Law Society over which silk to brief on the legality of its conveyancing proposals have caused discontent among some Law Society council members.

Martin Mears, the president, and Robert Sayer insisted on meeting counsel before instructing them to get some idea of the person with whom we were placing the future of the profession". But one Law Society source

hawking our briefs around truth, David Pannick, QC, without committing himself. Kenneth Parker, QC, was not, the instructions going instead to David Vaughan, QC.



Mr Mears is already halfway through his term of office. He has promised to stand for re-election - but will he be challenged? It is being said that the current deputy vice-president. Tony Girling, may come forward.

• THE CPS has just unveiled a corporate tie which, it says proudly, has been chosen by staff and displays an "all-over traditional paisley design". There are no immediate



while those with a poor record could see their indemnity cover costs soar by up to 200 per cent.

Paul Venton, chairman of the society's standards and guidance committee, says the changes would produce a fairer system for dealing with the cost of negligence.

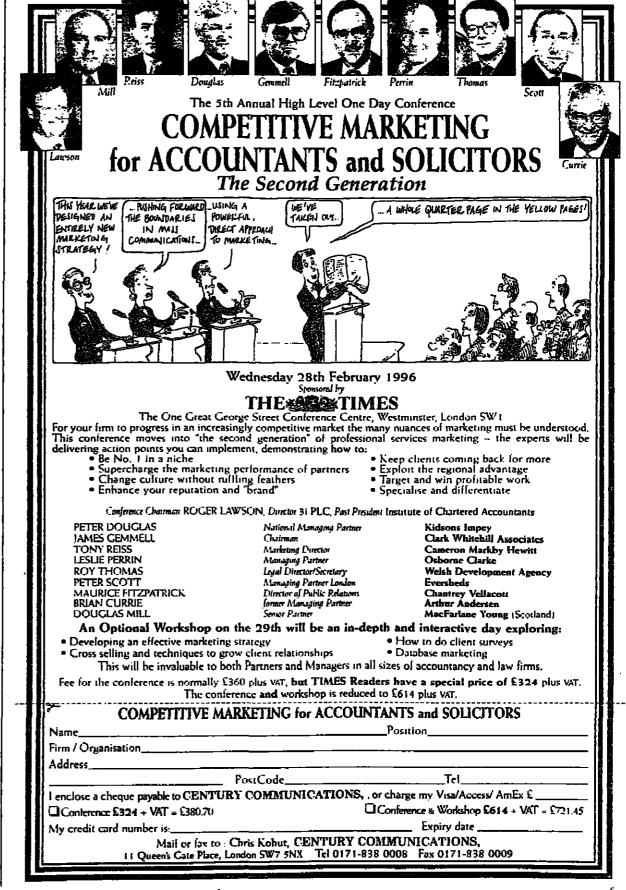
Lunch break

THE business lunch still flourishes among lawyers, according to a survey by the Athenaeum Hotel, but they are more abstemious and time-sensitive then a decade ago. The "typical" lawyer has a business lunch at least once a fortnight, and 27 per cent at least twice a week. On average, one guest is entertained and £20 to £30 spent.

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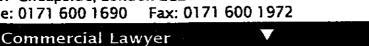
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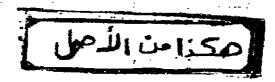
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Advocates cannot be sued over work for

the courts.

Gary Slapper explains how this might change

f an electrician, a decorator, a surgeon or a security guard acts negligently in the course of his work, he may be sued for damages. The potential liability applies to anyone exercising an oc-cupational skill, and sometimes the cost of a negligent mistake can be enormous. Last December the High Court made a £65 million award against partners in a firm of accountants after the firm negli-gently prepared a company audit that was relied on by a purchaser. Nonetheless, if a lawyer acting as an advocate ruins a case through sheer carelessness, then, however dire the evidence against the lawyer, barristers and solicitor-advocates are protected by a special immunity from being sued for catastrophic court work, and work "intimately connected" with courtroom performance. This week the Court of Appeal will hear the first of two cases that challenge the protection of advocates.

There is a further rule that sometimes makes it unnecessary for a lawyer even to invoke the immunity principle. If he or she is accused of ruining a criminal defence by a (convicted) client, there is a rule that requires an action for negligence to be struck out as an "abuse of the process of the court" if it involves a "collateral attack" on

another competent court.

In other words, one cannot get a civil court to reopen a criminal trial by claiming that the conviction resulted from a lawyer's negligence. To do so might bring the system into disrepute by accommodating criminal and civil cases with conflicting decisions in relation to the same incident. In one case, a judge commented that though the rule against such "relitigation" is a hardship to the victim of the lawyer's negligence, and an undeserved and undesirable bonus by way of protection to a negligent lawyer, it is a "price which must be paid in the interests of certainty and finality, which are themselves necessary components in the proper administration of justice".



This week's appeal centres on the buse-of-process rule. It concerns a Chris Smith, who was convicted of aggravated burglary in 1984 and sentenced to seven years' im-prisonment. In 1990, after serving his sentence, he sued Linskills, the firm of solicitors that acted for him in the trial, claiming damages for negligent handling of the case. He sought compensation for loss of liberty, of opportunity to earn a living during his period of impris-onment, and for loss of reputation.

The judges will have to decide if such a case should be struck out as an abuse of process, and they will, no doubt, authoritatively define the limits of the public policy against having criminal convictions impugned in related civil proceedings.

The advocates immunity from negligence actions goes back 200 years. Its scope has been narrowed over the years but there was

confirmation of it by the House of Lords in 1969 in the case Rondel v Worsley. This held that barristers cannot be sued by their clients for negligent performance in court or for work preparatory to court work. In 1980 the immunity was also extended to solicitors who act as

ow that more solicitors are qualifying as advocates (about 300 have higher rights of audience), the point has a wider significance. The immunity is usually justified on the ground that advocacy could not be executed to the desired standards if its practitioners were always worried about being sued for negligence.

There are also public policy considerations. In 1980, Lord Wilberforce said that the immunity was justified mainly on the ground

But it could be argued that rules, protective as they are to barristers, have been contrived by judges mostly senior barristers who have spent their working lives in that profession - who have a particular sympathy for the work, worries and economic interests of advocates. Surgeons and plumbers do not make the law on the circumstances in which they can and cannot be sued.

ties of England are at an end".

Thether barristers would be influenced to do their work differently by the thought that they might be sued for negligence must be in doubt. And is the reopening of a case necessarily a bad thing if someone has been wrongly imprisoned because of a lawyer's negligence? Nor is there much prospect of a wave of "relitigation" in view of the other barriers facing a potential litigant. Advocates are liable only for negligence, not errors of judgment. So abolishing the immunity rule would not entitle litigants to sue their barristers successfully for any error in the handling of the case. It would have to be the sort of mistake that no reasonably competent advocate would have made in the circumstances.

In a leading House of Lords case from 1981, the court accepted the striking-out of a civil action in circumstances where they perceived the real object of the action as the release of the Birmingham Six rather than the recovery of monetary damages. Where a dissatisfied client has already been released when he sues, and where there is "fresh evidence", the position may be less clear.

In a case to be heard later this year, the Court of Appeal will have to reconsider the limits to a barbetween barrister and client, of rister's immunity from suit. A man who served 28 months of a fouryear sentence for drug trafficking is protesting his innocence, and is suing his barrister for negligent immunity have been advanced. It has been said, for example, that the presentation of his defence.

The immunity rule, if not the procedural rule, is now widely seen as anachronistic. Last year the Consumers' Association called for the immunity to be scrapped in line with a tenet well respected in legal circles, that there should be "no wrong without a remedy". But for how much longer can the law plead special circumstances and maintain immunity against change? Dr Slapper is Principal Lecturer in Law at Staffordshire University.

Does anybody love lawyers?

The solicitors' organisation set up to handle clients' complaints is not

satisfying the public, a survey finds

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igh levels of dissatisfaction with the way in tion with the way in which the solicitors' profession bandles complaints by the public are at the heart of a survey just published by the Law Society. In a sample of 2,246 complainants to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, the society found 67 per cent were

unhappy with the outcomes.

Almost half thought the bu-reau was "heavily influenced" in favour of solicitors and the legal

profession.

People who were told by the bureau they did not have a valid complaint, or that their case was closed and that the bureau could not take the matter any further, were particularly dissatisfied.

The survey, by the Law Society's own research and policy planning unit, is the most comprehensive to date on complaints-handling and will be crucial to the current debate on how

the bureau should be reformed. Based in Leamington Spa, the bureau costs the solicitors' profession in England and Wales E9 million a year and has been the butt of criticism both from solicitors, who claim that it is costly and over-interventionist. and the public, who feel it is biased and ineffective.

The biggest proportion of complaints was over conveyancing and divorce or family work, although some was generated by personal injury work. The most frequent complaints were excessive delay (more than 50 per cent), failure to respond to phone calls or letters and failure to follow instructions.

The next biggest category of complaint concerned excessive charges; almost a third com-

plained about them. Clients had high expectations of how their solicitor would deal with the complaint and two thirds thought their lawyer would take it seriously and put matters right. But most thought

their solicitor's response fell short of what they expected.

Almost half considered their solicitor no help at all. Some of the sample had been referred by the bureau back to the solicitor to be dealt with by the firm's own complaints procedures; mostly, these were more satisfied than those who went to the

The Law Society research unit concludes that people want simpler, faster procedures, more communication with bureau staff to clarify the complaint and to get feedback about the solicitor's response, and continuity of staff dealing with the complaint. They want staff to give equal

consideration to both sides of the Tough story, to monitor progress and report on it to them, and to remedies' have more powers to require action from solicitors. Martin Mears, required

the Law Society president, said: "The survey . . . phasises the need for all solici-

tors to take their clients' complaints seriously." The National Consumer Council welcomed the survey and said that "tough remedies"

were needed. Ruth Evans, council director, said: "The results come as no surprise... They confirm our analysis of the bureau, published in 1994, which showed poor communication, failure to respond to inquiries, intolerable delays, lack of thoroughness in

investigating complaints and

failure to explain adequately the reasons for decisions." Michael Barnes, Legal Services Ombudsman, said the survey painted a "bleak picture". He said that 60 to 70 per cent of the 20,000 complaints it received each year were resolved without the need for formal investigation, but the research showed that two thirds were dissatisfied

with the outcome.

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that "a barrister owes a duty to the

court as well as to his client and

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fear of an action by his client, from

performing it". He also cited "the

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Other points in defence of the

"cab-rank rule" (by which barris-

ters are obliged to take the next case

irrespective of its desirability in

their opinion) would be difficult to

apply properly if barristers had to

take on clients who could pursue

actions against them. The rule has

been a hallowed part of legal

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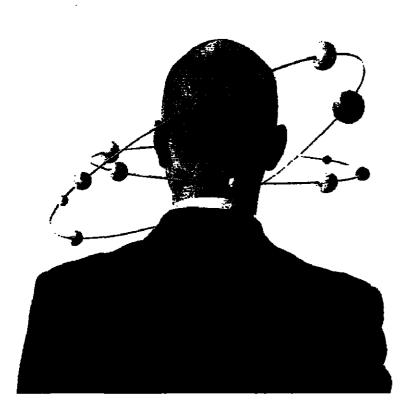
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recalls the genesis of a classic anti-war play, now being restaged



DANCE It cost half a million, but the lighting's

still grim: the

Royal Ballet

revives Beauty



■ MUSIC 1

Dawn Upshaw resuscitates the songs of Charles Ives as part of the BBC's festival



MUSIC 2

and Schubert's Lieder are sung with rare intensity by Wolfgang Holzmair at the Wigmore Hall

Last year he was at death's door; now life is full of revivals for a veteran playwright. Benedict Nightingale reports

The long and the short of Willis Hall

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wife was told to expect the worst. The dramatist was in intensive care after an operation on his burst stomach. There were 18 tubes protruding from his body and all his breathing was being done by a machine. But it was not a ghost I met in his native Leeds the other day. Had I asked him to, this trim, spry 66-year-old could probably have produced an egg from his ear or sawn the waitress in half. A little-known fact about Hall is that he is a member of every Magic Circle from here to America to Malta, where he has a flat.

A better-known fact is that, before he started collaborating with Keith Waterhouse or writing his own children's

novels or penning columns for a Leeds paper or doing the hundredand one things that fill his mornings now, he wrote The Long and the Short and the Tall. Back in 1959 the play made his name and that of Peter O'Toole. It has been on the schools syllabus for years and, opening tomorrow, receives an overdue revival. Small world, Leeds.

Small world, the world. Hall was born in a section of the city called Hunslet, 100 yards from the O'Toole family and 400 from the Waterhouse home. His and O'Toole's parents went drinking together, despite a difference in status: "We lived in a working-class house that had a scullery, while they just had a living room downstairs". He and Waterhouse belonged to the same youth clubs and enthusiastically chased skirt together.

Hall left school at 14, but did not follow his father into the engineering factory. Wearing a trilby and a belted raincoat, he made a few pence from a local paper reporting the names of mourners at funerals and revellers at weddings, then sailing out of Hull, then signed on as a professional soldier. That took him to Malaya, where he seems to have spent as much time writing plays for the Chinese schools department of the local radio station as foiling as a Signals corporal.

Seven years after joining up he was back in England, "and the first thing I saw from the troopship was this strange array of television aerials everywhere". But radio was still his main medium, and he wrote play after play, also finding time to direct an obscure actor called John Dexter in a production of Anouilh's Antigone at Nottingham YWCA. He was a pretty experienced dramatist by the time Peter Dews asked him to write a theatre piece for the company of eight male

undergraduates he was taking from Oxford to the 1958 Edinburgh Festival.

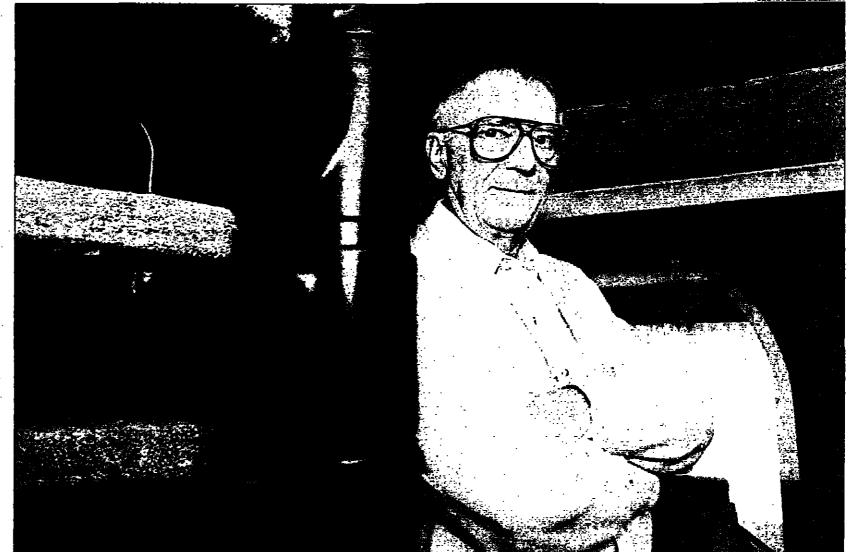
That remit, plus an Edinburgh hall where exits and entrances meant awkwhere exits and entrances meant awk-ward clambering through the audience, got him thinking: the Army, Malaya, the Japanese invasion, a British patrol trapped in the jungle. The result was a play at first called *Disciplines of War* and later, and less happily, *The Long and the* Short and the Tall. Hall agrees that it is less "a savage indictment of the senselessness of war", as the Penguin edition claims, than a study of the morality of killing. The regular sergeant who does not flinch from deciding whether a prisoner should live or die is, he says, the real hero. The play was admired by Kenneth

Tynan and snapped up by the high-flying Royal Court, which cast Albert Finney as the cockney mischief-maker, Bamforth. But a week into rehearsals Finney got appendicitis — and the unknown O'Toole replaced him. He never missed a performance, much to the disappointment of his understudy, one Michael Caine.

That was surprising, for with O'Toole, Robert Shaw and other topers in the cast, there were epic boozing sessions. Even the lunchtime rehearsal breaks were apt seriously to overrun, much to the fury of the director, Lindsay Anderson. After one row Shaw stormed out, only to realise he was in a wintry Sloane Square in khaki shorts with a wooden gun and not enough money for a cab. He was forced to go home on the

The production moved to the West End. where it was followed a year later by Billy Liar, the first of many plays Hall composed with his old chum, Waterhouse. "Being born within a month of each other and coming from the same. things very much the same way." Hall says. "We find that what amuses one amuses the other, and we've never had a quarrel."

Hall has lost count of all he has written, with or without Waterhouse, for the theatre, radio, television and assorted publishers. Recently he has done several adaptations for Sheffield Crucible, most successfully Jane Austen's Mansfield Park and a Jane Eyre that boasted Jack Shepherd as Mr Rochester and Emma Fielding as Jane. Recently, too, he finished yet another volume in a long-running series of children's books about a boy called Henry Hollins and his friend, a vegetarian vampire from Transylvania. A musical version of Peter Pan is in the



"When I was convalescing [from major surgery] I got my son to drive me to Tesco's, and for an hour I walked up and down the aisles." Willis Hall says

offing and may be followed by a stage piece about two magicians and another about the more obscure First World War

Hall is still able to continue his practice of writing from 7am to lunchtime 365 days a year, thanks both to the doctors who snatched him from the jaws of death and, he says, to his local branch of Tesco's. "When I was convalescing I got my son to drive me there, and for an hour I walked up and down the aisles. There was a nice even temperature and no fear of tripping up. It made the staff curious, but it did me the world of good."

Meanwhile, he is waiting expectantly for the buzz that seeing The Long and the Short and the Tall has always given him. Indeed, this time the buzz may be greater than usual, for the soldiers will at last be talking as soldiers talk, not as the Lord Chamberlain decreed they talk back in 1959. "Crumbs" will go. A rude song or two will be added, along with the odd

Who knows, Kevin Dignam's Bamforth may even utter the word that nearly wrecked the play when OToole used it in 1959. One of the censor's spies was policing the production that night, and the Court was warned that, if ever it was heard again, the production would be closed. And what was this destroyer of decency, this verbal A-bomb? "Pillock."

● The Long and the Short and the Tall opens tomorrow at the Brixton Shaw Theatre, Brixton Hill, London SW2 (0171-274 6470)

CONCERTS: Schubert song; the Ives celebration; and a fine guitarist

Drama in his voice

Holzmair/Wyss Wigmore Hall

THE Wigmore Hall has shuddered more than once this month to the strains of Schubert's little horror story Der Zwerg, about the dwarf who murders his queen on their strange voyage on that dreadfully calm sea. On Friday, though, for the first time, the palms of my hands were convincingly cold and clammy by the end of the song.

Wolfgang Holzmair's ability to compel an audience's interest beyond the singer's persona and into the world of the song grows steadily. It is six years since he first appeared at the Wigmore Hall. and in that time both his light. lyrical baritone and his interpretative insight have sharpened in focus. Like the great tenor Peter Schreier, he makes graphic use of hand gestures in what often seems like a heightened poetry

reading.
For Der Zwerg, a distant half-voice, high in the head, set the scene of that luminous dusk at sea. The voices of queen and dwarf leapt out all the more startlingly into the foreground, with Schubert's rhythms blade-sharp and the dwarf's name slashed out.

Holzmair - as dramatist: the composer's late settings of the poetry of Johann Gabriel Seidi make the listener an eavesdropper on the writer's most intimate thoughts. Schubert-Seidl has become

something of a signature tune for Holzmair. When he performs the entire Schwanengesang, he likes to extend it with the extra Seidl settings. On Friday, his recital began with a confiding \check{D} ie post (Pigeon Schubert's very last song, and continued with two more by the poet. Am Fenster (At the Window) and Sehnsucht, a fervent meditation on the longing incarnated in the car-

Here the impulsive pushing ahead of the line was typical of that spontaneity and unpredictability which is so refreshing in Holzmair's art. It surfaced, too, in Der Schiffer as the voice roughened and cut through the watery accompaniment like an oar.

Holzmair's Schubert is now deeply assimilated and effortlessly sung. He breaks newer ground in the Gallic mélodie. although he has worked in French opera since the start of his career. He has a supple facility with the language, although at times his intoxication with its vowels, at the expense of its consonants, can create a slight air of préciosité. With Gérard Wyss's piano playing tracking intuitively every inflection of the language. Holzmair played convincingly with the lights and half lights of four songs by Duparc, and brought sophisti-cated enthusiasm to Faure's

HILARY FINCH

Tribute to an enigma

fact that Charles Ives, who deplored the invention of radio, should have had his broadcasting corporation. A mini-festival such as the BBC's The Unanswered Question could not, American visi-

Ives's songs encompass nostalgic romanticism, atmospheric impressionism, outdoor marching songs and iconoclastic gestures of all kinds. Upshaw and Hampson, with the advantage of native accents and a hint of lowbrow crooning, were per-fectly in tune with the idiom. and with Craig Rutenberg a fully involved planist, the controlled anarchy of Canon and Charlie Rutlage was graphically projected.

The evening concert began

Three Harvest Home Chorales for chorus, organ and brass. As in General William Booth Enters into Heaven, heard later in the programme (Peter Coleman-Wright the admirable soloist), there is a transcendental quality to this music that demands it be taken seriously.

Ives Festival Barbican

THERE is a nice irony in the work so comprehensively celebrated last weekend by a tors told me, have happened in Ives's own country.

It came to a triumphant, if suitably enigmatic, conclusion on Sunday with a song recital by Dawn Upshaw and Thomas Hampson, followed by a BBC Symphony Orchestra concert including the Symphonies Nos 2 and 4.

with bracing performances under Stephen Jackson of the The same is surely true of

the famous discord that ends the Second Symphony, Calum MacDonald argued in his excellent programme notes that the effect is angry as well as humorous, and so it seems to me - although the conductor Andrew Davis seems not to endorse this view. The dissonance was briefly touched on. thus drawing the sting.

But, with the exception of the exhilarating run-up to the final chord, this was a curiously polite, low-key reading altogether. It cried out for an injection of Mahlerian schmaltz in the Adagio, for a more unbuttoned delivery of all those vernacular patriotic songs and fiddling tunes.

A liberating sense of danger and meticulous preparation went hand in hand in the Fourth Symphony, however. A fantastically complex web of pre-existing tunes makes the textures of the second movement some of the densest ever composed, yet the achieve-ment of this performance was that the chaos never seemed gratuitous or a puerile joke.

If there was "comedy" at all, it was black comedy. An apocalyptic quality was a forceful reminder that this was the work of a visionary. writing during the turbulent years preceding the First World War.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE: Royal Ballet steps out to recoup a half-million-pound investment

In need of a lighter touch

tainly getting good mile-age out of its new production of The Sleeping Beauty. It opened the 1994-95 season at Covent Garden, and here it is back again in the 1995-96 season for a further 15 performances. Like it or loathe it, we are going to be seeing

Tonight on part two of the BBC2 documentary The House you will see why: because the production car-ried a £500,000 price tag, thanks to Maria Bjornson's elaborate designs, it will take years to recoup the cost. Maybe by the time it has paid for itself we will have grown accustomed to its huge, distorted face.

When the curtain rose on Saturday night it was immediately apparent that the production's greatest flaw - its appalling lighting - remains intact. The hostile glare not only makes the sets and costumes look hideous, it also leaves some of the dancers in dark shadow at the very moment when one is expecting to see their every step. This was particularly annoying in the case of the Fairies variations in the Prologue, where dancers of outstanding quality - Nicola Roberts and Deborah Bull among them - were hadly served by the lighting designer, Pat Collins.

Viviana Durante didn't seem to need artificial lighting, so radiant was her Aurora. Duranie came down Bjorn**Sleeping Beauty** Covent Garden

son's formidable staircase and launched into Aurora's demanding solo as if no hurdles were going to stand in her way. The confidence of her dancing was exhilarating to watch. She took the Rose Adagio at a crawl (with Paul Connelly obliging in the pit) and pulled off the most gloriously self-indulgent balances, even delaying the final triumphant flourish as if determined to enjoy every second of a gruelling challenge. And it was not all technical bravado, either: the sheer beauty that was invested in the detail of her dancing was astonishing.

Durante's Princess was happy and charming, flirting with her cavaliers but listening to father with daughterly respect. No wonder she captivated Bruce Sansom's ardent Prince Florimund.

It was a good night for the rest of the cast, too. Benazir Hussein has really grown in the role of the Lilac Fairy. She still lacks strength for the big slow turns but she savours her balances most attractively. Belinda Hatley, Roberts and Sarah Wildor were a superlative Silver, Sapphire and Diamond in Act III. And Monica Mason, as the wicked witch Carabosse, had a great time spoiling everyone else's party.

DEBRA CRAINE



Viviana Durante: she was radiant as Aurora, and the confidence of her dancing was exhilarating to watch

Spanish in parts THE MOST eloquent expres-**SCO/Serebrier**

sion of Spanish idiom in Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez is in the slow movement. Attractive though the dance rhythms of the outer movements are, it is only in the vocally inspired central adagio, where every note in the decorative improvisation of the solo guitar has its significance, that Rodrigo penetrates the picture-postcard surface to the emotional reality behind it. It was here, in a spontaneously intimate dis-

play of duende, that Sharon Isbin, the soloist in this performance, was most persuasive. Isbin is not Spanish but American. So there was no reason why, with authentic encouragement, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra should not have given equally idiomatic performances of Turina's La Oración del Torero and Falla's El Amor Brujo. Though he is not Spanish either, conductor José Serebrier is a musician with many of the right qualifications for a programme of this kind. The problem was in his stick technique, which seemed

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La bonne chanson.

to be self-indulgent and awkward, tending to beat the rhythm rather than the metre, or neither. The SCO is too expert to be

seriously disturbed by this, but for the orchestra to articulate the rhythms in a stylish rather than generalised way, it needs clarity and precision in direction. In the French work, Faure's incidental music for Pelléas et Mélisande, it achieved a pleasing fluency. In less familiar areas, such as Serebrier's own eccentric Fantasia for strings and Turina's Oración, it did not. Happily, in El Amor Brujo (the suite rather than the full ballet score) the conductor resorted to more conventional means and secured a performance which was highly coloured and dramatically atmos-

GERALD LARNER





VISUAL ART I

Czech artist Jana Sterbak comes to the Serpentine with a sour show of installations



VIŞUAL ART 2

. while at the Liverpool Tate, Susan Hiller assembles a compelling homage to heroism





■ VISUAL ART 3

Alfred Helberger's troubled life and work is revealed in a first British retrospective



■ VISUAL ART 4

and, also in London, the mysterious wood sculptures of Katsura Funakoshi go on display

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork finds two women's views of death are both shocking and stirring; plus other shows

Haunted by imitations of mortality

ew of the artists in Rites of Passage, the elegiac exhibition held at the Tate last summer, let us escape the prospect of death. Jana Sterbak, Prague-born but living now in Montreal, presented mortality in all its rawness with her most notorious work: Vanitas, Flesh Dress for an Albino Anorectic. True to her provoc-ative title, Sterbak clothed a metallic tailor's dummy in a dress made from fast-withering slices of flank steak. No image of bodily decay could have been more carnal and brutally direct.

Now Sterbak has returned, with a mini-retrospective at the Serpentine Gallery. But the willingness to shock is confined, this time, to a work at the far end of the final room. From a distance. Seduction Couch looks alluring enough. To anyone versed in European painting it recalls the chaise ongue where Madame Recamier reclines in David's great portrait. But the nearer we approach, the more disconcerting the couch becomes. No smiling society woman in neoclassical robes occupies its curving surface. The couch is empty, and Sterbak's decision to construct it from perforated steel abolishes the notion of

A powerful spotlight beams on to it, casting a cage-like pattern on the wall behind. The electrostatic energy pulsing through the work gives out a regular crack, and anyone who ignores its warning and touches the couch will receive a sharp shock — harmless, no doubt, but enough to obliterate all thought of the pleasures of the flesh.

her first 13 years in Czechoslovakia, before her family emigrated to Canada in 1968, we may be tempted to wonder if this disrupted life has affected the art she produces. The Soviet invasion of her native country prompted the move, and the tyranny of a Communist regime would have given Sterbak an unforgettable insight into the fragility of human life. But she has lived sufficiently long in Canada to know the shortcomings of capitalism, too. The cynicism souring her work shows that she has no faith in systems. and every expectation that liberty is threat-

ened by rules on every side. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the Serpentine's first room. A man on a video screen tries to read out all 17 articles of The Declaration of the Rights of Man, the corner-

6 Strange sounds are, it is claimed, the mutterings of the dead 9

stone of the French Revolution. He soon begins to stam-mer, and his struggle to enunciate words as important as "power" or "citizen" gradually militate against the text's conviction. By the end of his performance, the effort involved has become excruciating. The confident idealism of the words is undermined by the reader's writhings.

Throughout the show,

Sterbak arouses expectations only in order to confound them. Hair sprouts at chestlevel from the chemise de nuit dangling so seductively from its hanger. The back of a man's head establishes an imposing presence but then, at the top of his neck, discloses convict's mark on his skin. In a screen projection called Sisyphus III. a powerfully built male figure finds himself encased in an aluminium and chrome structure. He expends all his energies reacting to the incessant, queasy lurch of the metallic object confining his limbs. Sterbak reinforces its

dominance by displaying the

Against the odds, the exhibition does not seem unendur-ably gloomy. Even the macabre dress of raw steak suggested that Sterbak has a well-developed sense of the absurd, and the endless strivings in Sisyphus III are leavened by the humour inherent in their futility. The man is athletic and poised enough to earn our respect as well. On some level, Sterbak admires his agile persistence, his ab-sorption in the task of coping with the unsteadiness and

In a recent video work,

Condition, she even raises the hope of escape. Tracked by an incessantly moving camera, a man staggers round a desert-ed airport filmed in bleak. grey monochrome. His body is attached to a wire-mesh object on wheels, curving away behind him and hampering his movements. We hear his breath on the sound system, increasingly harsh and belea-guered. The swirling mobility of the filming contrasts ironi-cally with his burdened figure, and at one point he dwindles into invisibility as the camera races away on a joyride. Near the end, though, he manages to throw off his appendage. Abandoned on the emoty track, it suggests that Sterbak is moving towards a rather

human predicament. Susan Hiller, whose contribution to Rites of Passage launched a rasping assault on the senses, is also staging a retrospective. At the London Tate last year, she used four video projectors, quadrovideo programmes to bombard the viewer with the violence of Punch and Judy shows. Now, at the Tate Liverpool, she reveals the full extent of her range in a very substantial, beautifully installed survey that deserves wide attention.

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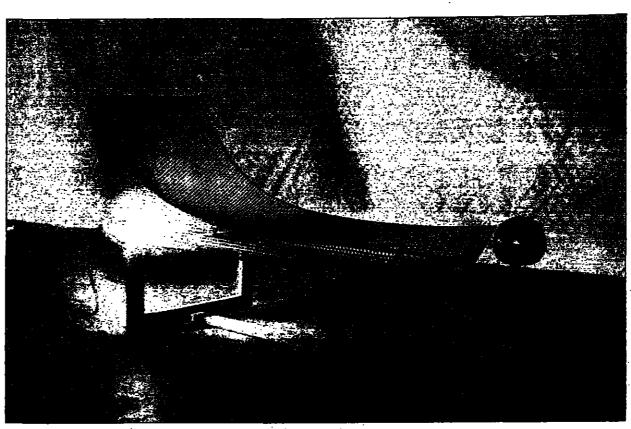
Painters in Watercolours was

very first show, in 1805, was a

sensational success, visited by

12,000 during its seven weeks.

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striking variety of ways, is revealed here more clearly than before. For more than 20 years, this American-born artist has lived in London and dedicated herself to reclaiming overlooked aspects of our culture. Early on, she amassed an astonishing collection of sea-

lyptic waves crashing against the shore. Typically, Hiller called the series Dedicated to the Unknown Artists, And she later made one of her largest, most commanding works from plaques memorialising forgotten deeds of heroism. Found in a London park, the

graphed and arranged on the wall in an imposing cruciform sequence. An ordinary bench stands in front of them, inviting us to sit down and listen to a tape on which Hiller talks of memory and death. But the most moving parts of Monument are the inscriptions on

recounting with grave simplicity the deaths of children drowned while attempting to save a sibling or friend. The plaques are elegantly designed, and flanked by floral borders in a sinuous art nouveau style. But Hiller lodges among the plaques a photograph of graffiti exhorting its readers in smudgy capitals: STRIVE TO BE YOUR OWN HERO.

The act of uncovering the images in Monument, and giving them new, suitably legiac form, lies at the centre of Hiller's concerns. But the Liverpool show proves that her method of manifesting those interests has always been admirably unpredictable. Her most powerful and ed in darkened rooms, where she asks the viewer to suspend disbelief in surprisingly demanding ways. Large circles of coloured light, in red, yellow and blue, are projected on to a wall in Magic Lantern. As they intersect, swell, shrink and separate, the after-images are spookily matched by sounds. Hiller chants some of the time, but the strangest passages come from voices recorded by the Latvian psy-chologist Konstantin Raudive, who insisted that he was able to tape the disembodied mutterings of dead people.

of implausibility inherent in such claims, Hiller refuses to discount them altogether. Obsessed by the way culture so easily leads to curtailment and a form of partial picturing, she is prepared to entertain a belief in phenomena which others of-

The most spellbinding work on view, Belshazzar's Feast, The Writing on your Wall, starts with the simple flickering of video-projected flames. A child's voice can be heard. trying to describe the activity in Rembrandt's explosive painting of Belshazzar. Encouraged by the words, we find ourselves reading figures into the flames. And then the focus shifts to apparitions appearing on television screens late at night, after programme transmission has

Whispering on the sound-track, Hiller reads out testimony from people who insist that they saw such phantasms. As if in response to their words. the flames in the video take on larger and ever more ghostlike forms. Are they manifestations of the dead, or warnings of an apocalypse as terrible as zar? Leaping up the wall like tongues of fire, these irrepress ible images rejoice in Hiller's willingness to give them the

benefit of the doubt. ● Jana Sterbak at the Serpentine Gallery, London (0171-723 9072) until Feb 25 Liverpool (0151-709 3223) until March 17

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AROUND THE **GALLERIES**

members that sounds like a

founded in 1504, it was not so Who's Who of British art in much to rival the Royal Academy as to supplement its activities by offering a forum specifically for water-Though Turner was already an RA, the Society of Painters in Watercolour (as it instantly, less cumbrously becamel was masterminded by his close friend William Frederick Wells, and Turner remained until his death in 1852 the guiding spirit.
The "Old" Watercolour Society's exhibitions were always grand, and much favoured by Royals even before it became officially Royal in 1881. The

Rapidly the society went from strength to strength. Also, it took itself very seriously as a centre of record. especially when Joseph John Jenkins was secretary, 1854-64. He sent out a printed questionnaire designed to elicit fact and anecdote about all members, past and present. After his death his papers were lost sight of until about ten years ago. Now they have been catalogued by Simon Fenwick. who has put together the show Rummage to Your Heart's Content at the society's home.

Sunday). The show concerns not only the RWS, but its parallel organisation, the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers. founded as the Society of Painter-Etchers in 1880 and dubbed Royal in 1888. The intentions of this were similar to those of the watercolour group. The RSPP shares the Bankside Gallery and along with the RWS has a rollcall of

the Bankside Gallery (until

the last century and a half. Content (the title comes from an 1883 letter to Jenkins from George Fripp, answering an inquiry about his papers) number of members from both societies. The show begins with three paintings which were actually in the first 1806 show, and Rigaud's famous, if bizarre The Genius of Painting Contemplating the Rainbow (1807). in which, while gazing heavenward, the Genius nonchalantly dips his brush into a convenient cataract right behind him. Later. there is just about everyone could imagine, from Burne Jones to Sophie Knight. who has just turned 30. The one person you do not

find there, of course, is the tutelary deity Turner, because he never was a member. But nappily the gap can be filled very satisfactorily in another historical show, Harewood Masterpieces: English Watercolours and Drawings at Christie's (until January 26). This offers a useful London showcase for highlights from the collection at Harewood House. Many impressive examples come from the collection made by Viscount Lascelles between 1795 and ISI4. He was particularly helpful to Turner and Girtin, and they repaid him with stunning images of the house and estate, which, though mostly sold in 1858, have been reas-

sembled by the family. The tradition of patronising watercolourists did not die with Edward: later Lascelles bough! or commissioned works by later members of the RWS. There is, for example, a



Bizarre: The Genius of Painting Contemplating the Rainbow (1807) by Rigaud, at the Bankside Gallery

splendidly characteristic piece by Samuel Palmer, as well as a very passable landscape from the hand of Queen Victoria

Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, SE1 (0171-928 7521) Christie's, 8 King Street St James's, SWI (0171-839 9060)

☐ Born in 1871, the German artist Alfred Hermann Helberger lived through two world wars, the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust. He killed himself early in 1946, in the most chaotic period of the Allied occupation, because he could not bear life without his Jewish wife, who died in a concentration camp in 1945.

if to that one adds the

dramatic evolution of taste from the Secession period in which he first found fame, and his extensive early travels - in 1924-29, for instance, he lived and worked in Brazil - nothing seems more natural than that he should have slipped from the art world's attention. Until now, that is.

At the moment we can have only a partial view of his art. but what there is is extraordinarily impressive. And on the whole it looks remarkably un-German.

After two or three very sober paintings of the 1900s, Helberger suddenly, about 1911, flares into the most brilliant colours. At the same time he evolves a much freer

way of actually putting paint on canvas, influenced above all, one would imagine, by Van Gogh. Obviously important to his mature style was not only the art he had been seeing on his early sojourns in Paris, but the places he was visiting after his discovery of

Norway and Spitzbergen.

During the First World
War, Helberger was an official war artist, and produced some hallucinatory pictures. Some portraits from the Twenties are more sober, slightly redolent of the Neue Sachlichkeit, but we can only guess what impact Brazil had on him. It would be thrilling to find out. Julian Barran, 42 Old Bond

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☐ The wood sculpture of

Katsura Funakoshi makes one realise just how fine the line is between superrealism and surrealism. His recent work noticeably extends his range. A characteristic work will be a torso, more or less life-size, carved in fragrant camphor wood and painted in a scrupulously realistic fashion. But Funakoshi is emphatically a carver, and despite the meticulously painted surface one is never left in any doubt that these pieces are cut in wood. The grain and texture of wood, not to mention the scent, are very much part of the total experience.

The tradition in which Funakoshi works is not decisively either eastern or west-There is a sort of hallucinatory intensity about the figures' grave and level regard which moves us towards a different world of experience. This time, in any case, there is something more to confirm the inchoate impression that one should not too readily turn one's back on any of them. One of the major

to have two faces on one head. This figure is also wearing an extraordinary garment which turns it into a mountain, with tiny, perilously sited houses nestling on either shoulder. It is easy to feel the mysterious power of these presences; much harder to explain it. Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering Street, WI (0171-629

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☐ Few artists of major stature can have shown so many faces in such a brief career as Christopher Wood. Undoubtedly in his short life (a mere 29 years before he ended, by accident or design, under a train in 1930) he managed to exert a disproportionate influence on the course of British art. Partly it was because he happened to be painting with Ben Nicholson in St Ives when they discovered the primitive painter Alfred Wallis and through Wallis's bold simplifications of form and perspective a viable, specifically British way to modernity. There was also Wood's unique closeness to the chic Parisian avant-garde of Cocteau and his associates. But did Wood ever work out a coherent style for himself? On the evidence of this show one may well suspect that he did not. But does that really matter? Whatever Wood set out to do he did with ... sublime ease and freedom. The paintings perhaps some 7, times feel a little unidiomatic. but the drawings are uniformly (if diversely) brilliant.

Whatever his mystery was, he took it with him to the grave. But the works survive, their ability to tease and enchant still undimmed. Michael Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcomb Street; SWI 10171= 235 8144), until Feb 2

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More sugar than spice

Hugh Masekela Festival Hall

If those years of noble campaigning against apartheid have rendered Hugh Masekela virtually criticproof. Yet for the first twothirds of a surprisingly diffuse performance, it was difficult to suppress the thought that we were listening to a grandmaster who was content to coast on his reputation as the godfather of South African

In his decades of expatriate touring and recording, Masekela has fashioned a timeless style, part African, part Afro-American. That fine balance between two continents and two cultures — so fruitful on the recent live album, Hope was precisely what was missing in the early stages of this concert. Close your eyes and shut your ears to the irksome. right-on sentiments of the audience, and the lumbering, four-square rock rhythms were more redolent of South Ruislip than South Africa.

Kwazi Shange opened pro ceedings with a drum solo which had all the subtlety of mid-Seventies Cozy Powell; Lawrence Matshiza seemed determined to prove that axehero posturing knows no frontiers. To hear the musicians churn out this homogenised fare was as dismaying as arriving at a barbecue on Table Mountain and having a limp Big Mac thrust into your

As for Masekela, the "Hello, London patter, the old jokes about the British accent and the even older chestnuts about the British weather betokened a certain lack of originality, to say the least. His flugelhorn playing, too, seemed unusually undisciplined, until he briefly gave way to guest Zulu vocalist Busi Mhlongo. After



The first half of Masekela's concert was more redolent of South Ruislip than South Africa

the tempo for his simmering

her departure he and his musicians seemed transformed with Shange and Matshiza beginning to deploy a brisker pulse woven from supple, ever-shifting cross-rhythms. Khaya Mahlangu, whose tenor and flute soloing had been the septet's one strong suit earlier on, grew Masekela's playing made a monologue-cum-rap on

striking contrast to the muscle Stimela, his unadorned acand sinew of Mahlangu's tenor. Not an outstanding improviser in a technical sense, he makes a relatively small number of notes do the work for him, reworking phrases with infinitesimal variations. As more revellers joined the party at his feet, he slackened

count of the coal train carrying migrant labourers to the mines. With most artists, such stark polemic might sit uneasily among the infectious dance material. Masekela's vision is broad enough to embrace both extremes of the human con-

CLIVE DAVIS

Driving home under the influences

THE programme notes included a list of ten of Austrian guitarist/violinist Wolf-gang Muthspiel's favourite records. Glenn Gould playing Brahms and Bach. Edgard Varese's Arcana. Miles Davis's Nefertiti, Prince's Parade and the Beatles' Abbey Road all featured, alongside Muthspiel's assertion that "openness", combined with "a compositional structure beyond the usual derivatives most often heard in today's young lions' music" is his trio's watchword.

As an indication of the extensive musical territory available to the trio, and a guide to the methods it adopted to explore it in two enthralling hour-long sets, the notes were spot on. In bassist Marc Johnson, Muthspiel found both delicate subtlety and vigorous propulsiveness. In Paul Motian, he had

Wolfgang Muthspiel Rhythmic, N1

the acknowledged doyen of jazz-trio drummers. The music produced by the three virtuosi - embracing the odd standard (My Funny Valentine), the customary bow to Thelonious Monk (Monk's Dream), and even a swooningly slow version of Lennon and McCartney's With a Little Help from My Friends was rivetingly original, thoughtful and totally absorbing without being forbiddingly stem or esoteric, firmly structured but allowing just enough space for free individual expression from all

three men. Muthspiel is in many ways a quintes-

sential 1990s musician, combining a flawless technique honed by classical training with a restless musical imagina tion as likely to derive inspiration from Bach as from the blues or the Beatles. His playing juxtaposed lightning-fast runs and subtly chiming chords, softly contemplative finger-picking and sudden crashing climaxes, and Motian and Johnson were with him every step of the way Whether they were wrestling with the complexities of the Stravinsky-inspired One More for Igor or stuttering enjoyably through a typically idiosyncratic blues the trio produced music of stunning textural variety and extraordinary vision. all guided by three of the finest musical intelligences currently operating in jazz.

CHRIS PARKER

POP Back to prove

a point

IT IS ten years since her career began in earnest, and Mary Coughlan seems to be back where she began. In 1986 she financed, in the face of record industry indifference, her own debut album Tired and Emotional. It was to make her name. Now she is touring again with another indepen-dently produced record, Live in Galway. In between she signed to (and then fell out with) a major record company, and earned compari-sons with Piaf, Peggy Lee,

Bessie Smith and k.d. lang. Coughlan's success has, however, depended on her evocation of gutsy independence, her image as a wry survivor. It was never just her voice, her choice of songs or her personality that set her apart, but the way she com-

> Mary Coughlan Theatre Royal, Norwich

bined all three to become an Irish version of her hero Billie Holiday. Coughlan discovered a bohemian cocktail of jazz, blues and Celtic folk, and that recipe remains for this tour.

The mood in the first half is subdued. It begins with the languid Laziest Girl and Jacques Brel's Hearts. They are carried off with professional ease, but little passion. Only as she tackles Magdalen Laundry, a song about sexual hypocrisy, does she become involved. Clinging to the microphone stand, she shifts from husky whisper to fullthroated anger.

She brightens considerably after the interval, with the upbeat Just a Friend and the down to earth I Want to Be Seduced — "I wouldn't mind a man who wouldn't mind seducino me". Fach nine receives lavish but discreet support from her musicians: Conor Barry (guitar), Ciaran Wilde (saxophones)

Trevor Wright (keyboards).

But still Coughlan remained strangely reticent. At every opportunity, she retreated to the back of the stage, and sometimes when singing her hands were thrust into her pockets, like a reluctant schoolgirl forced to perform in front of the class. Her voice, however, evoked the same determined woman proved the record industry wrong a decade ago.

JOHN STREET

TODAY'S CHOICE DAVID HOCKNEY This week is your

A daily guide to arts and entertainment

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Woodforde's diversion blocks the fast lane

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE power game, to the relief of those fearing its increasing development and dominance, was ridiculed in the fourth round of the Australian Open. The stooges on the Centre Court were Mark Philippoussis and, in the course of delivering the fastest service recorded by a woman. Brenda

Schultz-McCarthy.
Flailing wildly and cluelessly, they were bewildered recipients of the kind of humiliations that they had intended to inflict on their respective opponents. Mark Woodforde, 30, and Martina Hingis, who is half that age. Touch, guile and, in the case of the youngster, laughter, were the most destructive weapons.

Muscular force is the principle asset of Philippoussis. Pete Sampras, whom he defeated in straight sets on Saturday, admitted that he had been "overwhelmed" by the young man's violent blows and had been unable to "get a sniff" of a service that was credited with

29 aces. As Philippoussis, 19, was transformed from a 100-1 outsider to the third favourite to win the title at 4-1. Woodforde refined his strategy. He was already aware of his compatriot's style through Davis Cup practice sessions and he learnt more from watching the de-

mise of Sampras. Instead of meeting strength with strength, he took the pace out of the game and replaced it with spin. Philippoussis, unnerved by the occasion and overawed by the sudden rise

in expectation, did not even begin to cope with the policy. As every aspect of his game disintegrated, he was heading for a defeat unprecedented in the fourth round since the event was moved to Flinders Park in 1988. In the open era, only Stefan Edberg, who allowed Robert Seguso a mere two games, had gone through more economically than Woodforde as he served for

the match leading 6-2, 6-2, 5-0. The service that Sampras had found unbreakable had been dismantled seven times. Woodforde had yielded only 13 points on his own, compara-tively soft, version, but, overcome by the realisation that he was about to enter his first grand slam quarter-final at the 38th attempt, he temporarily loosened his command before securing the set 6-2.

Philippoussis uttered the loser's habitual comment that he will learn from the defeat. So will everybody else, though. His inability to adapt was exposed on the grandest

The fate of Schultz-McCarthy, the No 11 seed, was no less pitiful. The Dutch player's response to her initial difficulwas to lash out with escalating ferocity. Eventually. angered and frustrated, she broke her own record with a service timed at a fraction under 122mph. Faster than any of Jim Courier's efforts, for instance, it is the equal of Richard Krajicek, Nicklas Kulti and Magnus Larsson.

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Hingis has plenty to smile about after countering the pace of Schultz-McCarthy

teenth place on the men's list for the championships. Instead of withering in the

face of the assault. Hingis displayed amusement. When the first ace thundered by, she grinned. By the time that the tenth exploded down the middle, she was giggling. She knew by then that she was largely in control of any rally featuring more than one shot. So carried away was she by her exuberance that she mocked her own relative weakness by serving underarm. Her opponent won the point and smiled in appreciation of the joke. Hingis was having a bail: Schultz-McCarthy was trying to hit the cover

Only when she was 6-1, 5-1 down did the brutal policy work and, even then, for just three games. The next opponent for Hingis is Amanda Coetzer, of South Arica, and in

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Martinez, the No 2 seed, meets Anke Huber, ranked No 8. In the top half of the men's draw, Woodforde plays Thom-Enqvist and Yevgeny Kafelnikov meets Boris Beck-

er. "Give me a game," the German shouted to Brett Steven after saving three points to avoid conceding the opening set to love. Unlike Philippoussis and Schultz-McCarthy, though, he was able to

must not look back to last tees off, is it all as rosy as Sepi995, but forward to September 1997. The next Ryder it appears? In the first of three articles, John Hop-Cup is only 20 months away and this PGA European Tour kins sounds a cautionary note with the quest for selection for the 1997 team season, which starts in Singa-pore on Thursday, will be only nine months away notable because, in Septem-ber, the frenzied pursuit of points for selection to the

Europe team will commence. At Valderrama, Soain, next year, the first Ryder Cup to be staged on mainland Europe will represent the last chance to watch at home those Europeans who have borne so many responsibilities in this biennial event for so long. Severiano Ballesteros may not be playing and may, instead, be demonstrating his history of the event. skills as captain, but, if he is and is joined by Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam, then it will surely be the final Ryder Cup on this

side of the Atlantic in which they will be appearing. It is possible, but hardly likely, that any of Europe's "Famous Four", who have all been No I in the world in the past ten years, will be an-swering the call to arms for the 2001 Ryder Cup, if for no other reason than longevity By then, Ballesteros, Faldo and Langer will be 44 and Woosnam only a few months from it. More significant, they will have been playing competitive golf in four de-cades — Ballesteros and Faldo at the highest levels for

Ithough the memories of the 1995 Ryder Cup

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all that time. Faldo has been present in every Ryder Cup since start-ing at Royal Lytham in 1977. Valderrama will be his eleventh, a European record exceeding Christy O'Connor's ten appearances between 1955 and 1973. Faldo has won 21 matches, one more than Ballesteros, who has competed in eight of the past nine Ryder Cups. Langer has been an ever-present since 1981, Woosnam since 1983. Men who have given such yeoman service will surely have stood aside by the second year of

the new millennium. What memories they will have left behind. Ballesteros has been inspired by this competition against the United States when his eyes smoulder and he generates so much electricity that he could European golf seems buoyant after the Ryder Cup triumph last year, but, as a new Tour season

Ballesteros launches

Even when his golf was appalling, as it was in Rochester in September, he commanded attention and nobody who watched him go. for ten holes without hitting a fairway in his singles match against Tom Lehman will be in any doubt that they were watching one of the most extraordinary matches in the



Ballesteros: inspired

in 1983, Ballesteros shepherded young Paul Way around for two days, winning two of their four matches, and causing Way to remark: "Playing with Seve is like playing with God. In his singles against Fuzzy Zoeller, Ballesteros played the great-est golf stroke I have seen — a three-wood from a bunker on the 18th to snatch a half. This 240-yard stroke, which Ballesteros cut to avoid the



Langer: resolve

final drive for glory spired. Perhaps only Faldo's wedge shot to the 18th green at Oak Hill and then his holing of the putt to defeat Strange was braver.

The worst moment of Langer's Ryder Cup career hardly needs mentioning other than to remind ourselves that, seven days after missing the putt that would have given Europe victory in 1991, Langer's strength of character was such that he won the next tournament. Perhaps the most successful moments of Langer's career came at Muirfield Village, Ohio, in 1987, when Europe won an historic victory.

There, he and Sandy Lyle dovetailed so smoothly that they proved unbeatable in foursomes and four-balls. On the Saturday, just when it looked as though Lanny Wadkins and Larry Nelson were going to snatch a half after recovering from being three down with three holes to play. Langer hit an eightiron to the 18th green that came to rest a hand's width from the hole. Langer's accuracy and resolve had given him and Lyle victory by 2 and 1 and turned the lights out on the Americans' revival.

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WRKET RASEN

Scarcely less formidable a pair were Faldo and Woosnam. First tried in 1987, they were to claw six points out of eight that year and in 1989. Paldo brought gimlet-eyed control, Woosnam sweetswinging irreverence.

Already, then, there is an air of anticipation at the prospect of the 32nd Ryder Cup match. Will Ballesteros be non-playing captain or will he have rediscovered the imp of genius that has enabled him to gain selection for Europe and be such a strong competitor? Selection that the Spaniard was left out of the team that was resoundingly beaten at Walton Heath, but a Ryder Cup without Ballesteros either as a player or captain - now that would be unthinkable. ☐ The prize for the winner of the Open Championship at

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FOOTBALL

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Table to be played on February 10

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Presenza 2 Lazzo 1.

coach, after the discovery that, in spite of Main's disastrous skating, she was among the ten who qualified from group A for the championship event later in the week. Main finished sixth in a field of 14.

Main's performance was all the more disappointing because the warmup had foreshadowed something so much better, but, when it mattered, she fell heavily on her opening jump, a

FOR THE RECORD

triple salchow. No doubt unnerved, she settled thereafter for only double rotation and the row of glum-faced fellow team-members were moved to tepid applause only by two nice double axels and an attractive lay-back soin. Her marks ranged from 4.0 to 4.6. For a brief depressing period, there

were doubts about Main's survival,

but a number of undistinguished

row, the ice dancers presenting their two compulsories and the pair skaters their short programme. Both events, like the two solo titles, are likely to fall

Two comparatively untried pairings represent Great Britain - Marika Humphreys and Philip Askew in the dance and Lesley Rogers and Michael

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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Dealer South North-South game Rubber bridge

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Lead: jack of spades I was West on this TGR hand, with David Price South. The finessed the ten, and thus

first trick went jack, two. queen and king. Playing the queen was correct - had East played low, I might have been in doubt as to whether the spades were running if I got in in some other suit. In isolation, the correct way

to play the diamonds is ace first, then, if all follow, the ten to the king. That way, you can pick four or five diamonds headed by the jack in the West hand. Price correctly decided to give up on the 5-0 diamond break, and started by playing off three rounds of clubs. This was good technique, as it might enable him to get more information about the distribution. When West showed up with five clubs to go with his presumed five spades, it seemed likely that any diamond length would be with East.

with a diamond and led a low diamond towards the A 10. He

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made five tricks in the suit. His reasoning was, first, as East was marked with eight red cards to West's three, the diamond jack was much more likely to be with East. Then, if West had had J x of diamonds, that meant that East would have had five hearts: in that case. East might have bid

them over North's Two Diamond bid. ☐ The 1996 Macallan International pairs championship starts tomorrow at The White House Hotel, Albany Street, London, NWI. Information on 0181-878 5844. ☐ There is an Evening of

Bridge on January 30 at the Draper's Hall, in aid of Barnardos. Tickets are £75 each for dinner and bridge. Black tie. Inquiries to Helen Hirons (Barnardos) on Ol81-550 8822. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

Price crossed to dummy bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

WEESHY a. A nervous child b. Very small, tiny c. To coze and drip

VANILLISM a. Illness peculiar to vanilla-workers b. A love of white-boy rappers Wanton destruction

YOWF a. The Kids b. A smart swingeing blow

c. A crying puppy

ZOONa. The darkside of the moon b. A stretchy trouser-suit c. A distinct being



16 Nf1

18 Nbb4

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By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Karpov's record

Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, set up what is likely to be an unassailable record when he won first prize in the Groningen tournament in Holland over the Christmas period. This was Karpov's 136th tournament or match victory in first-class events, by far the greatest number ever amassed by a championship player. The full cross-table tells the story of Karpov's record-breaking win and there follows one of the more drastic games from the event, in which White's lax opening

play is horribly punished. White: Joel Lautier Black: Ivan Sokolov Groningen, December 1995

Queen's Gambit Accepted 3 Nc3 8c5 12 Ne2 13 Ng3 14 Bd2

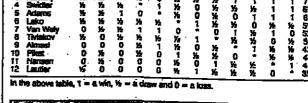
Diagram of final position

Nxb3

During the tournament Karpov described as "a farce" the plan of Kirsan Ilumzinov, the new World Chess Federation president, to hold the world chess championship every year as a 100-player knock-out with a \$5 million prize. "Chess is not tennis," Karpov said, "and there is no way I will participate in such an event which places more emphasis on luck than skill."

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

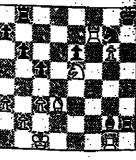
Groningen final cross-table 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is from the game Chandler -King, Hastings Premier, 1990. Black's position contains a fatal weakness that White now spotted and immediately exploited. Can you see what he played?

Solution on page 42



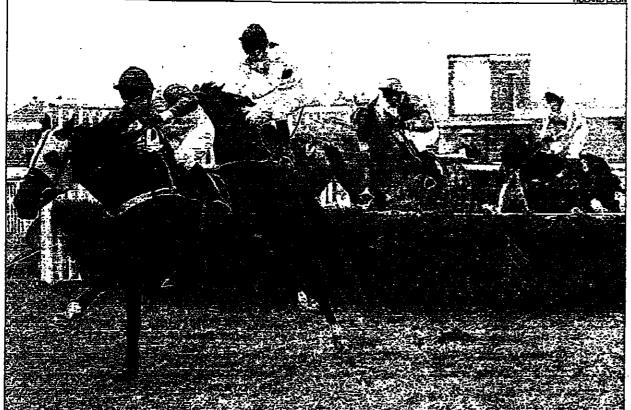
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Answers on page 42 <u>and an extension of the state </u>



Chicodari, ridden by Maguire, lands the Crecy Juvenile Novices' Hurdle from Hamilton Silk at Warwick yesterday

Old plots direct course to **Festival for Collier Bay**

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

COLLIER BAY, one of 66 entries for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle announced yesterday, will go to Cheltenham without another run - and may be ridden at the Festival by Jamie Osborne. The victory of the Jim Old-

trained runner in the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday was all but eclipsed by the remarkable return from injury of Danoli, who finished less than a length third, and came out of the race "a bit sore but otherwise very well." Tom Foley, his trainer, said yesterday.

As the dust began to settle, Old insisted his progressive six-year-old was more than capable of upholding the Leopardstown form at Cheltenham, provided the ground is soft. We can have him better than that," the Wroughton trainer said. "He was not at his best and only came to himself during the last three or four days. I reckon the journey and the razzmatazz there was a bit too

much for him.

had to get hold of him at halfway and let him know he was in a race. That is unlike . It's a long time between now him. I would have loved to have had another week to prepare him, so you can take it from me he will not run again before Cheltenham. The conclusion I have come to is that he's best fresh after lots of

work at home." Osborne, who rode Mysilv

ACHARD EVANS Nap: Class Of Ninctytwo (2.00 Leicester)

Next best: Yes Man (3.10 Market Rasen)

to victory in the Haydock Park Champion Hurdle Trial on Saturday, made clear yesterday his plans to keep his options open as to which horse he will ride at Cheltenham but it could be Collier Bay.

"I am not committed to riding Mysilv," he said. "I don't have a retainer with anyone. I ride the horses "He was not himself early - owned by Elite but on a

on and was a bit tardy. Jamie freelance basis, so we will have to see. At this stage 1 want to leave my options open. and Cheltenham," he said.

The stunning return by Danoli, nine months after a fractured fetlock joint seemed likely to end his career, resulted in Ireland's favourite horse being accorded a welcome normally reserved for winners at Leopardstown. And yester-day Foley announced Danoli appeared to be none the worse for his endeavours.

"He's come out of the race very well. He's a bit sore and a little dead in himself but that is to be expected after nine months without a race. I would not be too worried about him. We will give him a few days' rest and then pre-pare him for the Red Mills Hurdle at Gowran Park on February 17, then it will be Cheltenham.

"I am very hopeful we can reverse the form with Collier Bay. Put us at Cheltenham on Sunday and we would not have to improve at all another 100 yards and we would have got back."

Danoli's return is testimony to the skills of Dr Chris Riggs at Liverpool University veterinary hospital. It emerged yesterday that the horse has also benefited from a feed supplement called D-Flex, manufactured by Peak Performance, which helps with the lubrication of joints and improves the performance of

already impaired joints. The nutritional supple-ment, which also helped Ridgewood Pearl and the winners of six group one races during the summer, proved particularly useful for Danoli, who has little more than 50 per cent movement in his injured joint.

Foley said: "D-Flex has definitely helped to get Danoli back to the races by keeping his joints going and helping to stop arthritis setting in."

Given the open nature of the Champion Hurdle, it was no surprise yesterday to see the race has attracted the biggest entry for years - 66 compared with only 24 last year. As well as 12 horses from Ireland, the event has also attracted entries from France and Germany.

2.40 PAY & PLAY GOLF NOVICES CHASE (£3,910: 2m 4l) (10 runners)

BETTENG: 3-1 Chief Raider, 7-2 Solita, Desangton Dene, 6-1 Artic Wings, 7-1 Gorby's Myth, 8-1 Old Ale, 10-1 Bendon Mark, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

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3.10 RACEDAY STAFF HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,525: 3m) (5 nuncers)

BETTING: 2-1 Henry Code, 9-4 Yes Max, 5-2 Sticky Money, 8-1 Britannia Milits, 10-1 Bold Ambdion.

3.40 ERIC AND LUCY PAPWORTH HANDICAP CHASE

FORM FOCUS

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Benfleet.

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8 70-3 DW/HEPD 17 (F.6.5) J White 6-8-13 ... M Tebbar 6
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2.20 VALIXHALL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O, £2,438; 1m) (9)

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3.20 CHELSEA HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,786: 64) (12) 6-1 Balpare, No Sympathy 7-1 Gracious Greicio, 8-1 Suncer Harbour Winghut Mystery Matthas, Miss, Carottene, 10-1 others

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M British 3 winners from 9 runners, 33 7%, S Williams, 4 from 17 23 5%; Lord Huntingdon 34 from 163, 20 9% D Munay-Smith, 11 from 54, 20 4%; R Armstrong, 9 from 46, 19 6%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 54 winners from 233 rides, 23.2%, R Cochrane 43 from 244, 17.6%, T lives, 19 from 109, 17.4%, M Ammars, 9 from 52, 17.3%, J Forfune, 4 from 24, 16.7%, T Ashley, 5 from 32, 15.6%

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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\$ 300 (3m 2 110yd hdle) 1, Sister Stephania (R Dunwoody, 4-6 lav), 2, Courl Metody (11-4), 3, Beauepaire (9-1) 5 ran 8, dist Mrs MicCourl Tole 21 30, £1 10, £1 90 DF £1 90 CSF £2 84

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19-11 Montsonard 4-1 lav (pu) 11 ran Sh hd, 201 R Buckler Tote 65-30, 61-50, 63-00, 61-20 DF 611-50 Tno 677-40 CSF, 642-72, Thoasi 6318-84

CSF, 242.72 Inteat C31904 4,00 (2m 5f 11)yd ch) 1, Terao (D Brdgwater, 5-1), 2, Bramblehill Buck, (7-2 (Hav), 3, Pop Song (15-2) Super Tactics 7-2, Havs aran NFH Maple Dancer 5t, Ind M Pipe Tote 65.40, 62-10, 62-00, 61-80 0F, 55-00 The 598-90 (part won pool of 648-49 camed forward to 3.30 at Leoester today), CSF 621.57 Trucas (5117-36

100a); CSF (2137 Mass 21736 430) (2m 11 ftal race) 1, Sutherland Moss (R Massey, 11-4 fav), 2, Lord McMurrough (6-1), 3, Palosanto (7-2), 15 ran NB Boxgrove Man 251, 51 D Nichoson Tole: 23 60; 21 10, 122 90, 21 90, DF 203 80 Tro £13 80 CSF 221 75

Piacepot: £140.70. Quadpot: £15.90.

Southwell Going, standard

Warwick

Going: good to firm 1.50 (2m hdle) 1. Chicodari (A Maguse, 7-2 tav), 2, Hamilton Sik (5-1), 3. Ralifsa (9-2) 12 ran 9, 31-1 D Nicholson, Tote 84.00; £20, £220, £5; £9.90 Trio; £17.50 CSF: £21.89

2.70 USF 27.89 2.20 (3m 2l ch 1. Idiot's Lady (W Marston, 8-13 fav; 2. Freturessecretary 14-1), 3, Cetto Town (7-2), 4 ran 2 kl, 20. Mrs. J Purnan Tote, £1.70. DF £2.30 CSF £3.26

53.25 (2m ch) 1. Big Strand J Lower, 7-4): 2. Cookinny (50-1), 3. Must Be Magical (10-1), The Caumius 4-5 (av (f) 8 ran, 3 b), 1 bi M Pipe Tole 22.20, 51 50, 54 70, 52 60 DF, 658,30, CSF, 652-44 22 60 DF, ES8.30, CSF, ES2.44
3.20 (3m 2) cth 1, Diamond Fort (A Maguire, 11-1): 2, Distinctive (4-1): 3, Afice Smith (15-2): Sparrow Hail 9-4 kav (pu) 7 ran 3*9, drs. J McConnochie Tote: 14: 30; E3: 20, £2: 80, DF, £16: 20 CSF, £51.72
3.50 (2m 41: 110yd, hdle): 1, Djas. (G Bradley, 7-2), 2, Flying Gunner (11-2): 3, Moonight Air (16-1); Brogeen Lady 100-30 kav. 22 ran, 5, 1 *kl. Jlaerkins, 104: £4: 60, £2: 00, £2: 00, £2: 00, £3: 00 DF, £16: 40 Tho £2: 20.00, £2: 00, £2: 43: 420 (2m hdle): 1, Raunham (A Maguire,

4.20 (2m hdle) 1, Raunham (A Maguire, 33-1), 2, Goldingo (9-2) 3, Pusey Street Boy (33-1), Most Equal 9-4 fav 8 rain 3, 1% D McCarn, Tota £20-10, £3-30, £1-20, £3-30, £5-23-50, £5-76 Tricast; £4-51-2-8 Placepot £313.60. Quadpot: £119.70.

Newton Abbot

Going: nearly 1.30 (2m 11 hole) 1, United Front (D O'Sulhan 16-1), 2, Ambleside (16-1), 3, Holdsmolose (11-2), Honey Buri 7-4 fav (put), 15 ran, NR: My Old China, 41, 91 R O'Sulhvan, Tote, £13.20, £3.70, £350, £1 80 DF £120.50, Tao, £79.30, CSF £14301, 2143 01.
2.00 (2m 6) Indie) 1. Carmel's Joy (R. Durwoody, 14-1). 2. Miss Dishm (3-1). 3. Queenford Belle (6-4 (2r) 15 ran NR Siwer Shred 11:1, 3. T. George Tole £12.70. €2.20 £1.90, £1.50 DF £50.40 That £12.00. CSF. £55.91

Canny, Sandon Hongchip Boy (T Ives, 11-4 lav. Newmarket Correspondent's nap. 2. Legal Issue (7-1) 3, Mezzcramo (33-1) 15 arn NR Dia Georg; 41, 31 M Ryan Tote 54 50 52.80, 62 70 DF, £17 70 CSF-522 15 Incast £496.25 2.2 to (m) 1. Dancing Cavalier iF tynch, 12-11 2, Yeoman Oncer (7-1), 3, Guy's Gamble (9-2 lav), 4, Foreman (6-1), 16 ran 3, 115, R Hollmahead Tote 119 40, 65 70, 52 80, 61 00, 63 00 DF \$192.40, Tro. 5220 10 CSF 639.21, Tucast, \$417.20. 220 (for St) 1, Ashore (Jumbelley Han, 5-1), 2, Wonderful Day (10-1), 3, Absorno (3-1 law) 13 ran 6, 3, T Banon, 100 23 30, 22-60, 52 10, 62 10 DF 526-20 Tro 545 90 CSF 553 90 Trotast \$165.54 3.10 (1m 4f) 1, Forzeir (C Teegue 11-4) 2, haise Oliver (4-5 fav), 3, 2csb (16-1), 7 ran 7/ 20t S Bowning Tote £4 20, £2 50, £1 10 DF £2.10, CSF £4 90 fav) 14 ran NR Brookhead Lady 141, hd W O Gorman Tote £10.50, £2,00, £2,60, £1.30 DF £22.10 The £5.60 CSF £48,26 4.10 (6) 1, Daswe (M Deering, 20-1) 2, Encore M'Lady (14-1) 3, My Charrywell (12-1) Dissentor 2-1 lax, 15 and 21, 51 Mrs V Acorley Toler 27-40 5320 (2:66, 23:50 DF, 2301 10, Tho £292,80 (pan won pool of £206,22 camed forward to 33 at Lecessiar roday) CSF £256.16 Thoast \$23,174.61

Jackpot: not won (pool of £70,063.47 carned forward to Leicester today) Placepot: £247.40. Quadpol £31.10.

IN BRIEF **Brooks** claims

Classic MARK BROOKS had a final-round 67 for a 90-hole total of 337. 23 under par, and a oneshot victory over John Huston in the Bob Hope Classic in California. Jesper Parnevik was the best-placed European on 343; Sandy Lyle finished

with 68 for a total of 346.

A final round of 70 earned Laura Davies joint-eighth place in the LPGA Health-South tournament in Orlando with Caroline Pierce, her fellow Briton, who took a 72. They were three behind Karrie Webb, of Australia, who won the title in a play-off with Jane Geddes and Martha Nause.

Sun runners

Athletics: Linford Christie and Colin Jackson will compete in grand prix events in Adelaide and Perth this weekend. The British pair have been train-ing in Sydney since last month to escape the European

England debuts

Bowls: There are four newcomers in the England women's team to defend their home international title at Llanelli in March. They are Wendy Adams (Arun). Ann Cox (Handy Cross). Nova Edwards (British Cellophane) and Helen Walker (York).

FIXTURES

rici-cit 7:30 unless stated FA Cup Third round replay Oldham - Bamsley (7 45) Endsleigh Insurance League Second division Second division Blackpool v Wycombe Hull v Brighton Rotherham v Bradford Wresham v Bristol City Thurd division
Mansheld v Cambridge Urd (7.45)
Purmouth v Scuthorpe (7.45)
Scarborough v Pochdale
Anglo-Italian Cup, semi-final
Ipswich v Port Vale (7.45)

Bell's Scotlish League Fallurk v Motherwell Filmamock / Aberdee Rash v Pariici

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Third division Brechin v Alloa Caledonian This v Ross County Catedoman This x Ross County
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Russip Manor Thame v Barking Libringe v
Bognor Regis Second division: Carvey
Island v Ware. Challont St. Peter v
Lestherhead, Safton Walden v Met Police
Third division: kingsbury v Horsham, Soumell v Wingate and Finchley, Windsor and
Eton v Flackwell Heath Carthon Trophy;
Third round: Bracknell v Lewes, East Third round: Brachnell v Leves, East Thurdock v Tibury Carlton Cup. Third round: Heybridge v Boreham Wood. Leyton Pen v Purileer Guardian Insurance Cup: Fourth round: Wolungham v Hidchn UNIBOND LEAGUE. Premier division Finosciey v Winctord.

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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE-Premer division: Drs v Sudbury Red Hadeigh Uld v Woodbridge, Harwen and Parkesion v Lovestoth JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Androver y Thacham, Bournermouth v Crinst-ducts, Gospon v Whachards, Ryde So v Cowes Sp. Swanage and H v Wimborne INTERLINE EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLI-ANCE: Hindriey Afti v Blakenhaft UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: First division. Three Bridges v Oakwood WINSTONIEAD MENT LEAGUE. First division: Favershem v Folkestone Invida FA YOUTH CUP: Third round replay. Erield v Heretord

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 7.0 unless stated Llanelk v Ebbw Vale (7.30) Swansea v Pontypridd .

Treorchy v Neath OTHER SPORT BOXING: WBO Inter-continental super-medieweight champoniship: Nath Delaney (West Ham, holder) v Darran Gritust, (Rhonda) (at York Hall Beithald Green SWIMMING, World Cup meeting (Shelheld)

SNOW REPORTS

(5pm) C snow Conditions Runs to Piste AUSTRIA Söll 10 50 fair crusty closed sun (Snow guns and excellent grooming aiding conditions)

FRANCE ez 70 220 good vaned good cloud 2 21/1 (Dusting of new snow, mostly good but odd stoney patch) cs 35 175 fair varied fair snow 0 22/1 (Snowing lightly, worm patches below 1,800 metres, good above) 20 110 lair vaned worn cloud -3 7/1 (Some good skiing on upper runs no lift queues) 50 65 lair vaned closed snow 3 22/1 (Pistes well groomed and skiing well above 1,850 metres)

SWITZERLAND 0 110 worm vaned closed cloud 1 7/1 (Firm piste conditions on open runs, glacier best) C Montana f 0 30 worn crusty closed cloud 4 7/1 (Snow machines working overlime; 39 of 45 lifts open) 60 100 ky heavy worn cloud 3 7/1 (lcy/rocky conditions though high runs still good) 10 60 fair moguls closed tair (Open pistes still holding up quite well) 12 105 tair varied worn wind 0 11/1 (Tricky conditions at allitude with cloud and wind)

Source Ski Club of Great Britain Li- lower slopes: Ui- upper

THUNDERER 1.40 HATCHAM BOY (nap) 3.10 Yes Man 3.40 Maneree

2.10 Tara Rambier 240 Artic Wings

4.10 Simple Simon The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 HATCHAM SOY. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 MANEREE (nap).

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — left P — pulled up. U — unsealed rider. B — brasphi down. S — stopped up. R — refused. D — formalied). Horse's name. Davis sance test outing, F ill fiat. (B — blinkins V — visor. H — heavy). Owner in brackets. Topiner. Age and heavy. I have been been conservationed. The Times of issuance witners. CD — course and distance Private Handkrapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.40 NEW DATE HOVICES HURDLE

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(£2,756: 3m) (10 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Haicham Boy, 9-4 Butlers Boy, 5-1 Cherry Stone, 10-1 Ardent Love, 12-1 Alctim Bise, 14-1 Kintakoola, 20-1 Bod Watcher, 25-1 others. 1995: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING FORM FOCUS

HATCHAM BOY beat Jet Rules 144 is 10-numer nonce burdle at Haydock Crm 61, soft). ALCIAN BLUE 129:14th of 25 to Sparking Yasmin in matter hards at Yasmed (2m 4f 110)d, good to soft). BRULENS BAY 71 and short-lead and of 20 to Take The Buckskin in nonce hardle at Normagham (3m 110)d, good to soft) CHERRY STONE 159:1

2.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,088: 2m 3f 110yd) (12 runners)

| The County | The 95 PETRONS 4-1 Speaker Westerell, 6-1 Coole Hell, Singston, 7-1 Corbins, Wardy's West, Tasa Rembier, 8-1 Telephonorood 12-1 offices.

FORM FOCUS

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2.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Emral Miss (1 DF 22.10, CSF 24.92 Descarable, 12-1), 2, Evening Rain (7-2 taxt 3 Prudent Peggy (5-1), 10 ran, 201, 61 7-1); 2, Sea Devid (6-1), 3 Sir Taskar (6-2

Britain pin hopes of striking hockey gold in Atlanta on The Specialist

Crack shot sets sights on Olympics



Andrew Longmore looks at the sudden rise of Calum Giles, the new king of the penalty corner

Great Britain's chances of qualifying for Atlanta . Were considerably enhanced by a 4-1 victory over Belorussia in Barcelona yesterday, the long-term pros-pects for Olympic gold lie in the hands of a dark-haired wisp of a lad whose talent for scoring goals has earned him an exclusive place in the history of the game. Imagine Matthew Le Tissier being sent on to take every free kick inside 25 yards and every penalty, then returning to the bench after each kick. That is the role of Calum Giles, the first specialist penalty corner shooter in world hockey. Giles's contributions from

walking on to walking off last no more than 45 seconds, but what happens in between is, more often than not, decisive. In the European Nations' Cup in Dublin last year, Giles played for 46 minutes in seven games, his nine goals lifting England to the bronze medal and prompting widespread ethical debate among the purists, whose suspicion of these gunslinging confrontations between sharpshooter and goalkeeper was matched only by the approval of the crowds. Giles became the central attraction, his choreographed cameos accorded theatrical

cheers and jeers. Made for television, in fact. Yesterday was not one of Giles's more productive days. Of ten short corners, he scored just one, which prompted a bout of head-hanging as the final shot was blocked and a raucous shout of "body lan-Calum" from the bench. Giles, who plays his club hockey for Havant, searches for perfection with

the intensity of the placekicker in American football. He hits 100 balls a day, 300 in the days before important tournaments, and admits to having developed eight or nine different types of shot, which means that there are probably more. Low right, low left, high right, high left, feint right, go left. The exact spot for the shot is chosen by an assistant coach positioned high in the stands and relayed by radio to the touchline. Sometimes, as in Britain's opening goal yester-day, he will be used as a

On average, teams expect to convert a third of their short corners into goals. Giles believes that he can score as often as he misses, a shift in ratio that could have profound effects not just on Britain's chances in the summer but on the tactical development of the game. Teams are working away like mad to stop giving away penalty corners becaus they're so frightened of him," David Whitaker, the Britain coach, said. For the moment, at least, the

arrangement works well both

for player and team. Until the rule on substitutes was altered two years ago, allowing rolling replacements from a 16man squad, Giles's career had stalled on the fringes of international selection. In open play, Giles was considered too volatile, too much of a loose cannon; yet, with only a goalkeeper and four defenders between him and the satisfying crack of ball against backboard, his waywardness was transformed into a deadly blend of power and deception. When the idea of using a



Giles drives another short corner towards the Belorussia goal yesterday

proposed last summer, Giles outscored Ian Jennings over three days of corner-taking to secure the role at the age of 23. "Ever since I was a boy, I've wanted to get into the international team and get to the Olympics, so if I have to be the goalkeeper. I'll do it," he said. This role suits my character. I'm very single-minded. I'm

have to do and I've always loved scoring goals." Whitaker's main fear is that

referees are becoming wary of Giles's reputation. They're thinking: They have this man on the bench. I'll play safe rather than giving them the penalty corner", he said. Certainly, Britain's use of Giles has not met with wholesale approval, despite hockey's

desperate search for publicity within their rights to do it, but I don't like it and nor do many of the coaches," Rolant Oldmans, the Holland coach, said. "It's not good for the game. My players have to practice passing, tackling, dribbling, he just has to practise one thing. It makes a difference. He has showed it."

Thompson ends lean spell with a flourish

Great Britain

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCETONA

HAVING drawn their open-ing two matches, Great Brit-am finally got into their stride in the men's Olympic Games qualifying hockey tournament here yesterday with a de-served, if much-needed, viotory over Belorussia. Though a good performance in the opening stages became rather patchy after the interval, Britain had aiready done enough

An early onslaught paid rich dividends as Britain went two goals ahead in six minutes. Wyatt scored on the rebound from the day's second short corner and Giles quickly added another from a similar

to ensure that they would not

fall behind in the race to reach

the Games proper in Atlanta

Thereafter, Nick Thomp-son, on the left wing, proved to be the matchwinner, scoring two goals to end his lean spell. His first came from a scramble in the fifteenth minute and he, Mayer and Hali could all have increased the lead before the break but for fine saves from Eklemenko, the Belorussia goalkeeper. Though Bribowski replied in the 52nd minute, Thompson scored

again nine minutes later. The win left Britain sharing second place in the tourna-ment with Holland and India, Spain staying top after a goalless draw with India.

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GREAT BRITAIN: S Meaon (Reading); J Wyatt (Reading), Some Singh (Southgate), G Fordhem (Hourstow), Kalbir Taither (Cannock), S Heatist (Hourstow), C Mayer (Cannock), J Shew (Southgate), R Thompson (Hourstow), J Lastett (Teddington, captain), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians). Substitutes used: C Giles (Hearnt), D Hall (Suidiorat), S Hoatin (Reading).
BELORUSSIA: A Edemento, D Joutoveto, A Bouchilow, I Volticut, A Virtislewich (captain), A Tchebotane, I Korothilierico, S (Krmothil. Substitutes used: 1 Canja, I

Sri Lankans stick by Muralitharan

By Our Sports Staff

GIVEN Muttish Muralitha-ran's recent troubled tour of Australia, in which he was noballed for throwing in a Test match and a one-day international, Sri Lanka might have squad for the forthcoming cricket World Cup. If they were, then the they sprang a defiant surprise yesterday, in-cluding Muralitharan, an off spinner, in their 14-man party for the tournament that begins

on February 14. Muralitharan was called for throwing during the second Test against Australia in Melbourne last month, then in a World Series Cup one-day match against West Indies in Brisbane and was subsequently replaced in Sri Lanka's oneday team.

Yet even though the International Cricket Council (ICC) advised him to change his bowling style, Sri Lanka have stuck by him, ensuring, perhaps, yet another controversy in a tournament that is threatening to have more than its

Australia's players are due to discuss their participation in the event today amid fears for their safety. Shane Warne, the leg-spin bowler, said last week that he was considering whether he should take up his place in the squad and several others are thinking along sim-

ilar lines after allegedly receiv

ing death threats.
Their concerns were first fuelled by angry reaction in Pakistan to allegations of attempted bribery after a series a. However. Inc where for bowlers to fill their increasingly bitter recent series with Sri Lanka has frayed nerves even further. Graham Dowling, the ICC match referee, is trying to mediate a peace between the teams.

India have named three spinners in their World Cup squad — Anil Kumble, Ashish Kapoor and Venkatapathy Raju — indicating that spin is likely to play a prominent role in the event.

NIDIA: M. Adresuddin (captaint), S. R. Tendulfer, M. Prebhalcer, N. S. Sidhu, A. D. Jadeja, V. G. Kembil, S. V. Menirelez, N. R. Mongle, J. Smeath, V. Praesad, S. A. Ankote, A. Kumble, A. R. Kapoor, S. L. V. Raju. SRI LANKA: A Ransburga (saptisin), P.A. de Silve, R.S. Mehrarame, S.T. Jayasuriya, A.P. Gurusmha, H.P. Tilleleratur, R.S. Katuwithsrama, W.P. U.J.C. Wasa, G.P. Wicksamasunghe, H.D.P.K. Dharmasene, M. Mursifiknaran, M.S. Akapatau, U.U. Chandena, K.R. Pushpaleumara.

☐ An unbroken opening partnership of 138 by Craig Spear-man and Roger Twose offered New Zealand fresh hope after Zimbabwe briefly took control of the second Test in Auckland yesterday. Zimbabwe scored 326 for nine in their first innings, giving them a lead of 75, before Spearman and Twose wrested the initiative away from them.

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able to focus on exactly what I

By MARK SOUSTER

DODDIE WEIR, the Scot-

and when required.

to resist. Elsewhere vesterday, the SRU announced that Derrick Patterson, of West Hartlepool, and Scott Murray, of Edinburgh Academicals, had signed international con-

Jim Telfer, the SRU's director of rugby and chairman of selectors, will be Scotland's will be the coaches. Scotland will play eight games, includ-

The Scotland A match against Northen Transvaal, scheduled for March 2 in Pretoria, the day before Scotland meet England at Murrayfield, has been can-

☐ John Devereux, the Widnes and Wales rugby league threequarter, yesterday agrced a three-year winter deal with Sale rugby union club. SWMLEG CUP: Sidn round draw: Caerphilly v South Wales Police; Llendovery v Newport; Llandi v Bridgend; Postypridd v Massleg; Nouthdrigo v Punney; Skeraset v Gradit; Cardif II-E v Dunvant; Nexth v Whitland.

Weir ready | Murphy aims high | with Warrington

ALEX MURPHY was confirmed as the new director of football at Warrington rugby league club at a news conference vesterday. The former Great Britain scrum half, who the game, lost no time in predicting a bright future for the club with whom he won ten trophies as coach between 1971 and 1978.

Wigan in 1994 after guiding promise," Murphy said.

Both men have signed twoyear contracts. I think this club has got a great partner-ship and I think it will work," Murphy said.

Murphy: "a legend"

ago. As well as Warrington, he Bradford Bulls yesterday

and the England side. Dorahy said that he was experiences at Central Park behind him. "I believe I'm wiser to some of the antics that

ford and Huddersfield. He

has worked with Lancashire

went on and, having a guy like Alex and a chairman and board such as we have here at Warrington, I do have 100 per cent backing and I believe that is most important," he said. "Alex is a legend and knows the game back to front. He has forgotten more than a lot of people will ever know."

The double appointment means that there is no room at the top for Clive Griffiths, who had been in charge at Warrington on a caretaker basis since the resignation of Brian Johnson more than two weeks ago; but Griffiths, who has two years of his contract still to run, looks set to stay at Wilderspool as an assistant.

John Myler has left St Helens only a fortnight after signing a new three-year contract as the club's Academy team coach. Myler, 38, has resigned in protest at the departure of Eric Hughes, the club coach, from Knowsley

completed the signing of Glen Tomlinson, an Australian scrum half, from Batkey, of the Stones first division. Roger Simpson, Phil Hardwick and David Turpin move to Batley in part-exchange.

Rivals lack the steel of Sheffield

While the Steelers won both

beat Slough Jets 11-7 to lean-

frog over Durham into fourth

place. Phil Huber scored four

Manchester Storm and

Blackburn Hawks, the top

teams in the first division, met

in Blackburn and a canacity

crowd saw the Storm score

seven times in the second

period for a comfortable 9-3

win. This took them six points

dear and they have played a game less than the Hawks.

Bracksell Bees stay in third

place after wins over Dum-

fries Border Vikings and

Billingham Bombers, while,

at the other end of the table,

Murrayfield Royals conceded

42 goals in away defeats to

Swindon Wildcats and

Guildford Flames.

times for the Hawks.

By Norman de Mesquita

CONSISTENCY is the key to success in any league and is the quality that will probably enable Sheffield Steelers to retain their premier division

their weekend games, Cardiff Devils and Nottingham Pan-Florried and Justics;

) Composer of the Weelc Protostiev. Piano Concerto No 5; Romance: Trolke, Lieutenant Kijd; Tatyana's Letter Scene, Eugene Onegin Opm Saxophose Pius, John Harle and players from the Scottish Chamber Orchestre perform Debussy (Syring); 12.00 Co thers, their nearest rivals dropped points. The Devils recovered from a draw with Newcastle Warriors on Saturday to beat Durham Wasps 9-2. Two goals in the first minute set the tone for the evening and the Wasps never really threatened. The Panthers were surprisingly held Songs) (r)
2.00 Schools. Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen! See at home by Fife Flyers, salvaging a point through a goal by Paul Adey 35 seconds from time Humberside Hawks

Holloway introduces Geminiani (Sonata in D minor, Op 5 No 2); Veracini (Sonata in D, Op 2 No 1)

Journey into inner space

Space Fictions: Calling Mission Control. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Human beings' exploration of outer space is giving way in science fiction, to their exploration of themselves. I believe this is a fair summary of the eminent SF writers' contributions to John Gribbins. summary of the eminent SF writers' contributions to John Gribbin's second programme about man (and, increasingly, woman) whizzing about between the planets. State McKee foresees the soap opera yielding to the space opera, based on human relationships rather than technology. Paul McCauley, who edits a science fiction encyclopaedia, takes that vision a couple of million miles farther. He predicts an SF future in which Jasons of space meet existential challenges. It is a fat cry from Jules Verne's Moon-bound bons whears clinking their wine glasses inside a bullet fired out of a gun.

Schools: Listert Gizzno Lewis, Radio 3, 2.35pm

Rew fanfares are blown by the media for BBC Schools Radio on Radio 3, weekdays at 2pm. Whenever I have a chance to hear the programmes. I am most impressed. They are made with the same skills as the best non-school programmes. Particularly praiseworthy are the drama productions, often based on well-known books. Last term, there were fine versions of A Christmas Carol and Kevin Crossley-Holland's Beowulf. Michael Coleman's Gizmo Lewis, that concludes this afternoon, is a head-spinning SF comedy about a feared investigat by anothing a feared investigation of the control of t feared invasion by earthlings of planet Sigma Six. The script fairly crackles, and the cast is hand-picked.

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RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, Incl 6.65, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, Incl 10.35 Euronews, 11.30 Dirly News 12.00 Midday with Mair, Incl 12.34 Monsycheck 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05pm Ruscoco on Feve, Incl 3.15 Prime Minister's Question'Time 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, Incl 11.15 The Financial World Torright 12.05cm After Hours 2.05 Up Al Night **12.06em Alter Hours 2.05 Up Ali Nigiti** TALK RADIO

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WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto. Gilère (Harp Concerto) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsright 6.30 Sonata 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00 wa Mel Cooper VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richerd Skimmer 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00em Robin Banks

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Monteverdi (Olympia's Lament)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambacchal, including Tcheikovsky (January The Sessors); Shostakovich (Firm music Hamlet, excepts); Scarlatti (Sonata in D)

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(Overture, L'isola disabiliata);
Françaix (String Trio); 10.20
Artist of the Week; Benny
Goodman, clarimet, Copland net Concerto): 10.5 Haydn (Symphony No 87 in A); Telemann (Paris Quartet No 1 in G); Tchalkovsky (Do

you not hear the nightings Romeo and Juliet Composer of the Week

perform Debussy (Syring); Françaix, air Harle (Saxophone Quartet); Dvořák (Wind Serenade in Dimino); Corea, air Harle (Châdren's

3.00 Veracini Violinist. John

RADIO 4

3.35 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philhermonic conducted by Yan Pascal Torelier, with Steven Hough, piano, and the Chester Festival Chorus perform Handel, orch Elgar (Overture in D minor); Rechmaninov (Rhapsody on a These of Paganini); Dukas

a Theme of Paganini); Dukas (The Sociarer's Apprentice); Fauré (Cantique de Jean Racine; Pavane); Britien (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcei) 5.00 The Music Machine presented by Tommy Pearson 5.15 in Tune, Mairi Nicolson is joined by Joseph Alessi, the principal trombone of the New York Philitarmonic 7.30 Pebble Mill live from Studio One, Arditi Shring Quartet. One. Arditti Strinc Quarte

Stravinsky (Three Pieces); Webern (Six Bagatelles, Op 9); Harvey (String Quartet No 3); 8.05 Intervet, 8.25 Carter (String Quartet No 5); Dutilizur (Ainsi la nuil) 9.20 The Maxion Festival 9.40 The BBC Orchestres: BBC

9.40 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under George Benjamin, with Penetope Waltrisley-Clark, soprano, performs Berg (Alterberg Lieder); George Benjamin (A Mind of Winter), Tristan Mural (Sillages)

10.45 Night Waves

11.30-12.30am Music Riestored, Pavlo Beznosky, volin, Paula Chateauneul, architete, and

ravio bearusaux, vointie, and Chateauneuf, archiute, and Richard Tunniciffe, cello, perform Muffat (Violan Sonata in D); Bech (Partitia in D manor for solo violin); Corelli (Trio

1.00-1.40 Night School: Dance

5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weether 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Participant 8.58 Westher 9.00 News 9.05 Cell Nick Ross 0171-580 4444. Phone-in.

Lines open from 8am 10.00-10,30 News; Crimes 10.00-10.30 Neww. Crimescapes (FM only). Lestie Forbes statics the streets of Franklut in the company of Jakob Arjouni, creator of the city's Turkish-born private eye (4/6) 10.00 Daffy Sarvice (LW only) 10.15 This Scaptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murrey talks to the Kate Ashbrook, Chalmerson of the Remiblers'

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Association
11.30 Medicine Now, presented by
Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Word of Mouth, Russell
Devices returns with a six-part
series about words and how
we use them 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick
Clarke

Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Space Fictions;
Calling Mission Control. See
Choice

2.30 Rizhak Pertman. The celebrated violinist in conversation with Paul

Conversation with Paul Vaughan on the occasion of the 50th birthday (r) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reviews Lest Orders by Graham Switt

4.45 Short Story: Happy Delivery by My Bannister. Read by Julia Dearden 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Judge Hardgrave 5.50
Stapping 5.55 Weather
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Any Other Bustness. Lucy
Flammay's sit-com about local
government. With Nelson
David, John Duttine, James
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Grout, Rosy Forcham, Jan Ravens and June Whitfield (2/6) (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Consequences: Persons **Consequences:** Personal Pensions. The last of a fourpart series on the origins and the results of recent public

8.00 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans Peter Evens
8.30 Reading Aloud: In My Own
Time. Nine Bawden tells the
story of her schizophrenic
son's troubled file (r)
9.00 In Touch with Tony Barringer
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in the Time of Cholera, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez Read by Robert Powell (7/15)

11.00 Mediumwaye (r) 11.30-12.00 The Street: Manor Street, Bellast (FM only). A series of portraits of Britain (1/5) (r) 11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament

11.30-12.00 Logay in Parliament (LW only) 12.00 News, incl 12.27 am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: The Drowned World, by J.G. Ballard, Read by Nicholas Parell (2/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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land lock forward, is expected to sign for Newcastle this morning after resolving a lastminute legal hitch. Weir, 25, contract with the Courage Clubs Championship second division side did not restrict his commitment to Scotland or conflict in any other way with the one that he signed earlier this month with the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU).

Lawyers acting for Werr, who won his 34th cap at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on Saturday, have been studying the small print of both contracts and are now satisfied that the player will be released for Scotland duties as

Weir, who plays for Meirose, will sign a three-year contract worth a reputed £150,000. He will be the second Scotland international to join Rob Andrew, follow ing Gary Armstrong, the former Jed-Forest scrum half. Graham Shiel, Weir's Melrose colleague, has signed registration forms with Leicester and the Borders club, champions for the fifth time in seven years this season, anticipate approaches from wealthy English clubs for Bryan Redpath and Craig

Chalmers that will be difficult

tracts, increasing the size of the squad to 25. manager on the tour to New Zealand this summer. Richie Dixon and David Johnston

ing two internationals.

By Our Sports Staff has also coached Leigh (four times), Wigan, St Helens, Sal-

Murphy links up with John Dorahy, the new Warrington coach who was dismissed by them to championship and Challenge Cup success. "John Dorahy will come back to haunt Wigan — and that is a

Murphy parted company with Huddersfield 15 months





Answers from page 40

WEESHY (a) Very small, tiny. (Anglo-American. Of obscure origin.) Lovers 1842 classic *Handy Andy* includes the observation worthy of Kenneth Williams: " Uscless man! What weeshy little balls thim is sir." MOLLTINAV

(a) A diseased condition (of the skin and general system) characteristic of workers in vanilla. (From the French vanilla.) In 1884, the reporters at the St James's Gazette wrote that: "Dr Layet has just published the results of his enquiries into the nature of a single malady known as vanillism." Never mind Hangen Dazs enticing us to "Feel It" via saucy ads and Pralines and Cream; those allergic to vanilla essence can have a scaprous rash without the empty pocket and extra tyre. YOWE

(b) A smart swingeing blow. (Also youf, youff.) J. Skinner in his 1738 Christmas Ba'ing describes how they 'yowifd the boy from dyke to dyke'. (c) Like Liam Gallagher, but unlike my Unde Ned, this is an organism scientifically regarded as a complete animal. (From the Greek zoon a living thing.) Herbert Spencer in Principles of Biology says that "A zoological individual is constituted either by any such single animal as a

mammal or bird, which may properly take the title of a zoon." SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE i. Rf2i pins and wins the black bishop on g2.

Empirical evidence of our past mistakes

ritain's colonial history is not really my subject, despite the fact that I spent a formative year working in an office where one wall was entirely covered by a map of the world. Now and again our proprietor would wander in and stare wistfully at the huge expanses picked out in red. Then, with a shake of his distinguished head and a quiet sigh of "happy days", he would stalk out again, ready to renew battle with our huge expenses. Pretty soon, they too were picked

I digress. The point I was trying to make is that when it comes to our colonial past, I am pretty much a blank sheet of paper, which is why Hidden Empire (BBC2) has quickly become unmissable. Each week I arrive in ignorance and each week I have emerged wiser and a little sadder. For the stories definitely do not fit into the category of "our finest hour".

Just how objective these ac-counts are, a blank sheet of paper is hardly in a position to judge. Certainly, some of the recreated dialogue bestowed by what BBC2 describes as "black film-makers", does tend to reduce us Brits to cruel, bloodthirsty buffoons but when you are dealing with the Amritsar massacre (more than 600 killed) and the Morant Bay uprising (22 killed directly, up to 1,500 executed in the aftermath) that is probably fair enough.

Last night's story concerned just one death - that of Noor Inavat Khan, the first woman radio operator to work behind enemy lines during the Second World War. How this high-born Sufi Muslim came to die in Dachau was an extraordinary story. The manner in which Gabriel Beristain, the director, chose to tell it was pretty odd, too. Previous films have mixed dra-

matic reconstruction with narra-

tion and archive material. Beristain added one extra ingredient - an interview with Leo Marks, who as head of codes for Special Operations Executive, taught Khan. To say she left an impression on him is an understatement. More than 50 years on, Marks was still entranced. "She was a very beautiful pupil."

Fery beautiful, very talented and very unsuited to life as a British agent. Her father, a distinguished musician and mystic, taught her never to lie. So when she was eventually betrayed to the Gestapo, silence, with its inevitable consequence, was her only

But too often Marks's mesmeric recollections and the dramatic reconstruction (Leah Seresin was suitably bewitching as Khan) appeared confusingly at odds. Both told the same story but at different speeds. The fact that Beristain had



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done so little to resolve the two accounts (at times his editing actively encouraged the differences) left us with more questions than is normally considered polite in factual programming.

Best not to ask any questions at all when it comes to Goodnight Sweetheart (BBCI), especially not the one about how a sit-com can possibly work when it is based upon a time-traveller with a girl in each decade. The improbable fact is that it does, with the latest series rising to new heights thanks largely to its creators. Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran.

Very skilfully, they have estab-lished Gary (Nicholas Lyndhurst) as that most rare of romantic heroes — a lying, two-timing cheat. Last night, however, was comeuppance time, from the moment Gary started gloating to the notiming Ron (Victor McGuire): "1 have the gift of time travel, a lucrative business and the love of two terrific women."

Right on the first two counts but spectacularly wrong, it emerged, on the third. Not content with their fly-by-every-other-night relationships, both Phoebe and Yvonne (terrifically played by Dervla Kirwan and Michelle Holmes) turned against him.

Phoebe's concern was understandable. In his 1940s, doublebreasted jacket, Gary is looking

the ideal date in war-torn London. "How do you describe our relationship?" she asked, worried that his nocturnal visits were spurred only by a need for "a bit of the other". Deep, tender, unique?" "So the words bloody awful don't spring to mind?" He fared no better with Yvonne, who had taken advantage of his reneated absences to investigate local nightclubs.

uly chastened, Gary resolved to redouble his romantic efforts - in both sit-com has its off-moments.

time zones. Slightly worryingly, last night's episode rather lost its normally imaginative way with a fancy-dress party finale that veered dangerously towards slapstick. But even the most superior

(Channel 4) is in danger of having

By contrast, the normally reliable and watchable Cutting Edge

more and more like a very tall an entire off-series. So far in 1996. Adolf Hitler, which cannot make it has tackled the well worked subjects of car-ringing and sexual harassment. Last night it turned to 1963 and — surprise, surprise the Great Train Robbery. At this rate it won't be long before someone from the trading standards office insists it is rechris-

tened Rusty, Blunt Edge.
I Married a Great Train Robber was billed as our first opportunity to hear from Ronnie Biggs's first wife. Charmian, and we did indeed spend a fair amount of time in her emotional company. "I still get a lump that comes up and makes me a bit tearful, "she said of her former husband, who abandoned and humiliated her more than 20 years ago.

But we also spent a lot of time in the all too familiar company of Biggs, Bruce Reynolds and Inspector Jack Slipper. A case of been there, done it, didn't get him extradited. Not so far, anyway.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (58930) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News

9.10 Kilroy (s) (2744149) 10.00 News (Ceelax), weather (2792435) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6981236) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (95052)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6027217) 12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (9258323) 12.50 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News (Cestax) and weether (22675) 1.30 Neighbours(Ceefax) (s) (64022304)

1.50 Barracek (2314149) WALES: 1.50 Dad's Army (76893120) 2.30 Knots Landing pers. Quiz (s) (5482033)

3.30 Arits in Your Pants (s) (1786304) 3.50 ChuckleVision (s) (1706168) 4.10 Free Willy (Ceetax) (s) (5211651) 4.35 Run the Risk (Ceetax) (s) (9746033) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (4111255)

Grange Hill (Ceefax) (s) (7362946) 5.35 Neighbours (508781) N.L.: 5.35 Inside

6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather

(781)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (753) N.L.
6.30 Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando tries a self-catering holiday in a Norfolk; Sankha Guha visits Malaysia; Kirsty Young joins a young-atheart cruise down the Nile; and Monty Don gets way from It all in Cascais, on Portugal's Estoril coast (Ceefax) (s)

7.30 EastEnders, Pat hides herself away and Roy can't seem to do anything right (Ceelax) (s) (217)

Great Ormond Street. Docu-mentary series about the children's hospital (Ceefax) (s) (2014) 8.30 Next of Kin. Sit-com with Penelope Keith and William Gaunt (Ceetex) (s) (1149) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional

9.30 Men Behaving Badly. How to Dump Your Girlfriend. With Martin Clunes and Neil Morrissey. Tony is serious about Deborah but first he has to get rid of his old girlfnend. (Ceefax) (s) (20120) WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out (20120)

10.00 The X Files. Fearful Symmetry. Two FBI agents investigate the paranormal ix) (s) (349156) 10.40 Omnibus. The Theft of the Century. The story of the theft and recovery Edvard Munch's The Scream (148878) N.I.: 10.40 On Air 11.30 Omnibus Weather WALES: 10,40 Men Behaving Bacty (676385) 11.10 inside Ston

(67569) 1.30am News (2949347) 11.30 FILM: Head Over Heels (1979) starring John Heard and May Seth Hurt. Drams about a man who falls for a woman white she is temporarily separated from her he becomes obsessed with winning he back. Directed by Joan Micklin Silver (99694) 1.00am Weather (1511427)

BBC2 6.00am Zone Business and Work (86101) 6.30 Gaing Sala (99859)

7.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (6071323) 7.15 Lassie (r) (3195101) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (7259656) 8.05 Blue Peter (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5202472)

8.35 The Record (s) (9493507) 9.00 The History Mari (r) (6343217)

9.05 Daytime on Two; Lemexpress (6074236) 9.25 See You, See Me (6054472) 9.45 Watch (3135859) 10.00 Playdays (6980507) 10.25 Come Outside (7131491) 10.45 The Experimenter (4196163) 11.05 Space Ark (9202675) 11.15 Clementine (8453052) 11.30 Ghostwriter (4694) 12.00 See Heart (10255) 12.30pm Working Lunch (48526) 1.00 Teaching Today (20217) 1.30 Showcase (17942385)

1.40 Hotch Potch House (s) (64044526) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (s) (86441743)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5426656) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, Westminster with Nick Hoss. (Ceefax) (s) (7149120) 3.55 News (Ceelax) and ither (5105743)

4.00 Today's the Day. (s) (948) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (830) 5.00 Esther (s) (4472)

5.30 The Village (507052) 5.55 My Village(232897)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Alr(s) (577472). WALES: 6.00 Heartbreak High (933830) 6.45 Local Heroes (458101) 7.15 Rugby Union: Swansea v Pontypridd (22275168) 9.00-9.30 Food and Drink (3101) 6.25 Hearthreak High. Teen drama (Ceefax)

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Animation (Ceefax) (s) (160526)



7.30 Local Heroes: Birmingham. A series celebrating the unsung heroes of science and invention. Among this week's stories is that of John Barber, who patented the 8,00 Pound for Pound. Advice on making

your money work for you (1976) 8,30 Food and Drink. Featuring a Sicilian cheese cake; and South African wines. (Ceefax) (s) (2491) 9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely

Lads? Cornedy with James Bolam and Rodney Bewes (r). (Ceefax) (3101) 9.30 The House: Horse Trading. (Ceclax) (s) (147930)

10.20 The Chauffeur's Tale. Chauffeur/butler Robert Alderson with a personal view of Barbara Cartland (s) (268168) 10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (672410)

11.15 Seinfeld, American comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (730033) 12.05am The Midnight Hour with Lesley Riddoch (s) (5913873) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

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BBC1, 5.10pm The school drams enters its 19th series with The school drama enters its 19th series with no sign of diminution in either bite or energy. Episode one opens in challenging style with the hijack of a school bus. This turns out to be fiction, but one eagerly watched by the pupils of Grange Hill and thus going straight to the heart of the debate on television and violence. Bullying has been a staple of the series and it re-emerges here in the person of a cocksure little horror called Warne all too governments always all too governments. Wayne, all too convincingly played by Peter Morton. At this rate young Morton will one day follow other Grange Hill stalwarts into EastEnders. As Wayne also disrupts lessons by pouring scorn on any classroate who dares to come up with the right answer, he is marked out as the one you love to hate.

Great Ormand Street BBC1, 8.00pm

Tonight's star patient at the hospital for sick children is Neal Wilson. At 14 he is not exactly a child any more but he has been treated at Great Ormond Street before and is returning for a third operation. He was born with part of his heart missing and despite previous surgery, the effects are still with him. His lips are blue and he shivers in the hottest weather. With the intimacy that has become commonplace with such films, we follow Neal's latest spell under the knife in revealing close-up, with the surgeon offering a running commentary. As there is a 10 per cent chance that Neal will not survive, the tension is palpable. But, not for the first time in this series, the programme becomes a homage to the skill and professionalism of the medical experts. Great Ormond Street is a reassuring place to be.

The Decision: What's Best For Daniell? Channel 4, 9.00pm

Daniell Coe is 20 and has severe brain damage as a result of a motorcycle accident. Confined to a hospital bed for nearly two years, he seems awake and alert and his parents, Linda and Peter, cling to the hope that he may recover. The reality, however, is that he is unconscious and unaware of his surroundings. Moreover, he is on a ventilator and unable to breathe without it. If it is turned off, he could be dead within days. Linda, who has a heart condition that has been made worse by the stress, refuses to give up on Daniell. Peter faces the probability that he will never improve but is anxious to avoid a conflict with his wife. Sally Dixon's tactful and sympathetic film follows the Coe family's dilemma up to the point when they have to decide whether to end Daniell's life. It is a decision, Linda says, she would not wish on her worst enemy

The House: Horse Trading BBC2, 9_30pm

Cornered by a cabbie who wants to know why seat prices are so high, Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House, accuses the man of being ignorant of economic realities. But Isaacs's riposte is quickly undermined as two new productions, expensive enough to start with, run grossly over budget. Having delivered an earful to the cabbie, Isaacs gets several himself. Furious at the overspend, board members accuse him of not being tough enough with inflated egos. Baroness Blackstone, chairman of the Royal Ballet Board, alleges appalling incompetence. As head of Channel 4 Isaacs would have given a year's salary for a documentary series as pulsating as this. Now that he is on the receiving end, he must be given credit for allowing the turmoils of his stewardship to be made public, however unflattering a

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10,35 This Morning(57972762) 12.20pm Regional News (6016101) 12,30 News and weather (Teletext) (6320323) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9306217)

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6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (762439) 7.00 Emmerdale. Bill and Linda make a .decision (Teletext) (1762) 7.30 West Eye View. Revealing the skeletons allegedly hiding in the closet belonging to

a new council boss in Wiltshire (385) 8.00 The Billi: Old Dogs, New Tricks. Boyden discovers it pays to stay one step ahead of the opposition (Teleted) (1110) 8.30 Outside Edge. Key and Mag's fertility problems give rise to a painful discussion (Teletext) (s) (6217)



Victim Bridget Fonda (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Single White Female (1992). starring Bridget Fonda and Jennifer for a new flatmate. But the girl she chooses soon begins to develop a dangerous obsession. Directed by Barbet Schroeder: Continues after the

news (Teletext) (s) (8526) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (79110) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (864014) 10.40 Single White Female Conclusion of

tonight's film (872323) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (905410) 12.35 FILM: B.L. Stryker — Die Laughing (1989), starring and directed by Burt Reynolds. Stryker is assigned to protect a comedian whose dream of staging Macbeth is hampered by a series of

murders (s) (532618) 2.20 Late & Loud (6890521) 3.15 The Chart Show (r) (s) (3313989) 4.10 Music Box Profile (17459144) 4.20 League Extra (r) (9821540) 5.00 On the Road to the Islands (39144)

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11.30 Rising Damp (97491)

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2.05 Revenge of the Rain Gods. Rosie Swale concludes her journey through South America (r). (Teletext) (49157965) 2.35 FILM: Sweet Rosie O'Grady (1943). Betty Grable teuds with reporter Robert

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5.00 The Montel Williams Show. Barbara refuses to acknowledge that two of her daughters are happy lesbians (Teletext) 5.50 Terrytoons (219946)

6.00 The Avengers, With Patrick Macnee, Diana Rigg, Charlotte Rampling, Brian Blessed and Donald Sutherland (r). (Teletext) (18385) 7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (880694) 7.55 The Slot (107217)

8.00 Ride On. Motoring magazine (Teletext) 8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4859) The Decision: What's Best For Daniell? (Teletext) (s)

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Susan Dey as a drug addict (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Love, Lies and Lujiables (1992). Susan Dey stars as a pregnant cocaine user whose baby is born prematurely and already addicted. It is taken from her and she then has to prove that she can clean up her life before she will be allowed to care for her child, With Piper Laurie. Directed by Rod Hardy (Teletext) (s) (850859)

11.45 Nurses, American black cornedy series. (Teletext) (s) (752439) 12.15am Football Italia — Mezzanotte

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Shopping at Night

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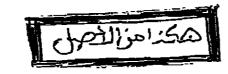
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EUROPE'S MASTERS LOOK TO FINAL **CUP CAMPAIGN**

TUESDAY JANUARY 23 1996

Fowler and Collymore included in England's forward thinking

Liverpool pair strike chord with Venables

possibles for Euro '96. Ferdi-

nand. Lee. Howey, Stone, Platt

and Anderton were sidelined. nursing a variety of ailments. Paul Ince, having now settled

at Internazionale, in Milan,

and been recalled to the

squad, joined in only the

warm-up session before suc-

cumbing to a back complaint.

Redknapp, missing since mid-

November because of injury.

Nothing is certain, though;

nobody is in and nobody is

out. Venables's open-door pol-icy remains until the cut-off

looked sprightly.

YESTERDAY signalled the beginning of the end for Terry Venables, the England loothall cnach. It was his first squad get-together. in Marlow, since he announced that he would stand down after the European champion-ship finals. If his mind was already on matters of a litigious nature, as it will be from July onwards, it did not show. It was football business, as usual, at Bisham Abbey.

For Robbie Fowler and Stan Collymore, the Liverpool forwards, yesterday signalled the beginning of the beginning the day that they graduated from international fringe status to approaching the real thing. Tangible reward for a blossoming Anfield strike force, begging Ian Rush's pardon, that has amassed 17 goals in a sequence of nine unbeaten

Venables watched them in the 5-0 defeat of Leeds United on Saturday and subsequently invited them to his Football Association retreat, on the banks of the Thames in Buckinghamshire, for a three-day course in all things England Plenty of theory and plenty of practice, another bonding session to create harmony and comradeship before Venables's finals fling.

Even the lack of a match to

aim at - the next England fixture, against Bulgaria, is not until March 27 - failed to dampen his enthusiasm. "It's obviously better to have a game, but we know the championship draw, and we know the three teams we will be playing, so there's a lot we can work on," he said. "Although we're still five months away from the tournament, we've got three or four sessions between now and then. It's just a question of keeping things going, keeping them ticking over. Of the probables and

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point at the end of May, when he makes his final selection of 18 outfield players plus three goalkeepers. Hence the inclusion of Fowler, 20, whose only previous senior experience was as a guest at training: and Collymore, 25 yesterday, who played in the Umbro Cup matches against Japan and Brazil in June, for 77 and 11 minutes respectively. For Collymore, it rubber-

Venables: businesslike

stamps his rehabilitation. mentally rather than physically, from the moan-and-groan stage that he went through after moving from Notting-ham Forest to Liverpool for £8.5 million. His general dis-

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quiet was not helped by an indiscreet, tell-all article in a football magazine.

"I had a chat with Roy Evans | the Liverpool manager and he made it clear he still wanted me to play for the club," Collymore said. "I made it clear I wanted to play for the club, too. Maybe I talked too much. I'm now keeping a bit quiet on that front and just getting on with

For Fowler, it is no more than a natural progression, from Rush's precocious sidekick at Anlield through to the England Under-21 side — and now beyond. "The partnership with Stan is going well," he said. "Of course, it can still get better, but we're quite happy with how it's going at the moment. With lan Rush on the bench, you've got to keep playing well."

Venables has been im pressed. "They're developing a very good understanding." he said. "Robbie has always been on the edge of the squad, but he's got some formidable opposition to get past. The door is still ajar, as I ve always said

He is equally happy to welcome back Ince, after an absence of more than a year. I knew it would take time for him to settle in Italy," he said. "Now that he has turned that corner and is playing well out there, I can make a more accurate assessment of him."

One issue, though, is not subject to change, whether England fall at the first hurdle or win the European championship. Venables has made his decision and will stick by assist in finding his successor at Lancaster Gate. Asked if there was any room for second thoughts, he replied: "No chance." The man is not for

☐ Italy will be without Roberto and Dino Baggio, Gianluca Vialli and Paolo Maldini for the match against Wales in Terni tomorrow. Mark Hughes returns for



Collymore, front, and Fowler at Bisham Abbey yesterday after their free scoring forced them into the England reckoning. Photograph: Tony White

defender after latest raid on Germany

By PETER BALL

MANCHESTER City's search for a left back has taken them back to Germany. They have agreed to sign Michael Frontzeck, Borussia Monchengladbach's Germany international, for £350,000.

Frontzeck, 30, was expected in Manchester last night to discuss personal terms with Francis Lee, the City chair-man, today He will join Uwe Rosler and Elke Immel on the Maine Road staff, and was recommended to Alan Ball, the City manager, by Immel, the goalkeeper.

The transfer ends City's quest for a left back since the injury to Richard Edghill and the departure of Terry Phelan, Southend United having refused to reduce their £1 million asking price for Chris Powell,

City's original target.
Newcastle United, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, have had their bid for Chris Waddle, the former Tyneside idol, rejected by Sheffield Wednesday and Bayern Munich have refused to allow Jean-Pierre Papin, the France striker, to go to St James' Park on loan. "I told Newcastle we still needed him," David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday man-

ager, said.
That leaves Faustino Asprilla, Parma's Colombia striker, and David Batty, Blackburn Rovers's England international midfield player, as Newcastle's most likely targets. Batty is expected to have a meeting with Ray Harford, the Blackburn man-

ager, this morning, when the latter returns from London. Harford was unavailable yesterday, but he is under-stood to have decided that Tim Sherwood and Batty cannot play together. After being dropped ten days ago. Sher-wood replaced Batty during the FA Cup defeat by Ipswich Town, and is now the man in possession. If Batty does go to Newcastle, a fee of around £3

million is likely. Sunderland received little encouragement in their bid to sign Ian Rush, Liverpool refusing to allow the Wales striker to go to Roker Park on loan, although a concrete offer in the region of £750,000 could persuade Liverpool to release him, if reluctantly. "I don't want him to go, and we will offer him a new contract," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said.

Ball to sign | RFU invites France to consider stamping allegation

By DAVID HANDS

RICHARD DOURTHE, the

young Dax centre who shared in France's win over England on the opening weekend of rugby union's five nations' championship, risks suspen-sion if his federation accepts the evidence of foul play indicated on the match video. Ben Clarke, the England No 8, needed several stitches in a head wound during the first half and, though the Rugby Football Union (RFU) does not intend to cite Dourthe, it has asked the French rugby federation to look at an incident highlighted by BBC's Rugby Special, in which Dourthe appears to aim a gratuitous kick at Clarke's head.

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André Herrero, the chairman of the France selectors. said that a one or two-match suspension was possible if the stamping allegation were proved. Dourthe, 21, was involved in a similar incident during the series against New even his profile in the match programme from Parc des Princes last Saturday admits "temperament that should be better controlled".

"I spoke to Ben [Clarke] before sending the letter," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "He is happy with our action. He did not see who did it and has no impression of how deliberate the injury was."

The incident is out of character with the general im-provement in French discipline in international rugby over the past three years and it must be hoped that prompt effect on a talented player. Scotland, victors over Ire-

land, will name their team tomorrow to play France on February 3. England's management sits down tonight to debate change to the XV to play Wales on the same day. Mark Regan and Mike Catt face an anxious wait.

Neil Jenkins, the Ponty pridd stand-off half, may miss selection in the Wales squad of 32 to be named this morning. He is recovering from a broken collarbone, has not played for more than a month and misses the Heineken League match with Swansea

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Atherton stresses need to regroup

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLAND'S cricketers arrive home today with little time to relax and put their heavy defeats at the hands of South Africa behind them before most of them depart for the World Cup on the Asian sub-continent. Of the 17 players who left Johannesburg yesterday, only Mark Ramprakash, Dermot Reeve and Mike Watkinson will not be heading for Lahore

on February 3. England's final three weeks in South Africa were so lacking in success that the week-long acclimatisation period in Pakistan will now be devoted to intensive practice. The players will be based at the University ground in Lahore.

"We must use the first week in Lahore to pick ourselves up." Michael Atherton, the captain, said. "We need to build up confidence and get into a groove. The players must get into a decent frame of mind. If we play as we did in South Africa, we have no chance of winning the cup. We must play to our potential. In the past two or three years, we have beaten everybody.

Reflecting on the tour of South Africa, Atherton said that the closing weeks were not a fair reflection of the whole visit. The Test series was lost in a crazy half-hour in Cape Town and we got into a bit of a rut in the one-day matches," he said. "Our performances slid into mediocrity."

The problem for Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, the manager, who has confirmed that he does not want to tour again, is that every area of England's game must improve if they are to do well

in the World Cup. In the one-day matches in South Africa, the batting failed to gel, the bowling was often expensively wayward in the early overs and the fielding was regularly sloppy.

Most of the players will be allowed to rest during their ten days at home, but not those — such as the two specialist spin bowlers, Richard Illingworth and Neil Smith - who played few of the one-day matches. They will be asked to follow training programmes.

England's opening World Cup focure is against New Zealand in Ahmedahad on February 14. The other teams in their group, from which four qualify, are Pakistan, South Africa, Holland and the United Arab Emirates.

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McMillan will 'fight for nothing'

Boxers are forever threatening to fight for nothing, in the other man's back yard or front parlour, to prove a point: but their manager's instinct for putting self interest first has always made them think again. So it was not surprising that Frank Maloney nearly fell off his chair when, a couple of weeks ago. Colin McMilian, the former British Commonwealth, European and World Boxing Organisation featherweight champion, walked into his office in London and offered his ser-

vices for nothing.
"My ears lifted up at that." Maloney said yesterday. "Is this some kind of gimmick or what, I thought. So I called in Ed [Ed Robinson, his press officer to record the conversation, in case he reported me to the board of the PBA [Professional Boxers Association,"

McMillan was serious. Although many believe that, at 29, he is past his best. McMillan thinks that he still has enough left in him to win a

Srikumar Sen discovers a former champion using extreme methods to return to the top

world title. Yet he said that he may be partly due to the risk I had not been able to find work "I have been unable to get a title fight, or any meaningful work for several months," he

pose to my fellow contenders. However, I fear this has more to do with my refusal to sign myself away for effectively the rest of my career. Accordingly, said. "I like to think that this I am protesting my right to



McMillan to clear path with Brighton road sweeper

fight. For my next bout in my home town, Barking, I will receive, at my own request, a ourse of nothing."

Maloney, who, as Lennox Lewis's manager, understands politics only too well. signed to put on a show on January 30 at the Broadway Theatre, Barking — a land-mark in British boxing

McMillan and Maloney will receive no money, but Justin Murphy, of Brighton, McMillan's opponent, and the boxers on the undercard will be paid. Any profit from the show will go to a London hospital and the PBA.

The man whom McMillan really wants to meet is Naseem Hamed, but first he has to deal with the council road sweeper from Brighton. Murphy has had ten contests. of which he has won seven, but he promises to give a somewhat better account of himself than "road sweepers" of the Mexican variety that British promoters used to rope in for young prospects.

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